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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 9, 1998

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding.

Bill Busbice Danny Babin Norman McCall Glynn Carver Tom Kelly

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Jerald Hanchey was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the June 4, 1998 Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

Secretary Jenkins announced Mr. Johnnie Tarver would be retiring soon after having been with the Department close to 30 years. Mr. Tarver stated this would probably be his last Commission Meeting and expressed his appreciation for the cooperativeness demonstrated over the years. He then offered his help if needed in the future. He thanked his staff for their extra work needed to accomplish many projects such as the alligator season, and the reptile and amphibian business. Mr. Tarver also thanked his wife for standing behind him and supporting him over the last 30 years.

Secretary Jenkins then introduced the new Undersecretary, Mr. Jim Patton to the Commission.

Chairman Gattle stated he has enjoyed his relationship with Mr. Tarver and expressed appreciation for all he has done for the Commission.

Chairman Gattle then asked for Public Comments on the 1998-99 Resident Game Hunting Seasons. Mr. Lemmy Walker reminded the Commission he appeared at the May meeting requesting a still hunting only area be designated in the Fourth Ward of Tangipahoa Parish. He met with staff from the Wildlife Division and it was suggested a colored map with landowners be created. This map was given to Mr. Dave Moreland and he was encouraged to contact any landowner for verification. Mr. Walker then asked the Commission to designate this area as still hunting only for the upcoming season. Chairman Gattle asked if anything has been changed to this

effect in the Rule and was it the recommendation of the Department to conform with the request? Mr. Tommy Prickett stated they told Mr. Walker the Wildlife Division could not concur with their request until they had the vast majority of landowners in that area in support of eliminating dog hunting. After the maps were the staff can recommend supporting the request. provided, Commissioner Babin asked what percentage of people are in favor of Mr. Prickett stated over 80 percent of the this request. landowners have signed the petition, but the 80 percent represents almost 100 percent of the wooded acreage in that area. Commissioner Busbice stated he would probably vote against this proposal since it would take away an activity that someone may have enjoyed since they were a child. He did understand some of the problems such as trespassing and stated this needed to be handled at the Legislature. Commissioner Busbice then asked if the acreage and the names on the petition have been verified? Mr. Prickett stated these people are the landowners and lessors that controls the acreage within the area requested. Commissioner Busbice asked if there were any hunters that would want to dog hunt? Mr. Walker stated there are 1 or 2 hunters with dogs, but the real problem is outsiders coming in shooting high powered rifles. He assured Commissioner Busbice they were not trying to take anything away from any hunter. Commissioner Busbice then stated he had a problem with taking something away. Then he asked Mr. Walker if he was certain the use of high powered rifles were from only dog hunters? Mr. Walker could not positively answer that question. Chairman Gattle then asked if there was a problem in enforcing this request? A discussion of the map was held: Commissioner Babin asked if any comments have been received opposing this request since it was first presented? Mr. Prickett stated the Wildlife Division has not received any comments opposing the request.

Mr. Benny Walker stated he sat with each landowner and obtained their signature on the petition as well as colored the map as recommended by Mr. Prickett. He felt they were not taking anything away from any hunter by disallowing the running of dogs. Mr. Walker then asked the Commission to agree to the still hunt only area.

Commissioner Babin made a motion to have still hunting only in the area designated by the map. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from Commissioner Busbice.

Mr. Ronald Morris, Washington Parish, stated he has an area of 27,460 acres that they would like to see as still hunting only. This proposal was first presented to the Commission in April and since that time additional acreage has been added. He then explained the requested area on a map stating they were having the same problems as the previous landowners. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Morris if he had 80 percent of the signatures of landowners? Mr. Morris stated it was 80 percent of the acreage. Then Commissioner McCall asked about the other 20 percent and noted

those people may be opposed to this request. He then stated his opinion would be to hold off until the other 20 percent could be Commissioner Busbice again stated he was opposed to contacted. this request since it takes away an activity from a hunter. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Prickett to come up and address this request. Mr. Prickett stated they have not had the opportunity to review Mr. Morris' map in detail. They have looked at the petition and are confident they are landowners in the area. The Enforcement Division is in support of this request, stated Mr. Prickett. requested area is similar in topography to the Tangipahoa Parish area. Chairman Gattle recommended tabling the request and look at Commissioner Babin stated this information it again next year. needed to be submitted sooner in order for the Commission to make a sound decision. He then suggested Mr. Morris present his proposal early in the process next year.

Commissioner Busbice stated there was a need to verify the names on petitions before they are presented to the Commission.

Mr. Tommy Prickett presented the next item, Rule Ratification - 1998-99 Resident Game Seasons. He began stating any change can be controversial especially with dog hunting and there is a need to make sure there is overwhelming support for these changes. The process for setting the hunting seasons began in January, a Notice of Intent was adopted in March, public comments have been received since then and now is time to ratify the rule. Changes have been made by the Commission, but 2 more changes are still pending. The first request, from Senator James David Cain and Representative John Smith, was to change the boundary line in Areas 2 and 3 in Rapides and Vernon Parishes. This request came because the hunters did not like the early opening dates in Area 3. A compromise has been reached on this boundary line. Mr. Prickett then asked the Commission for their concurrence on this change. Commissioner Busbice stated he talked with Commissioner Hanchey and he was in favor of the change.

The other change dealt with how to handle deer stands on wildlife management areas. Mr. Prickett read the language as it appeared in the Notice of Intent. The recommended change would require hunters to remove their deer stands each day, one-half hour after sunset. Chairman Gattle asked if the stands could stay on the area all day long but would have to be removed no later than one-half hour after sunset? Commissioner Carver asked if a hunter went to his stand in the morning and left after two hours, would he have to remove his stand then? Col. Winton Vidrine stated the stand could stay in the woods until one hour after sunset. Commissioner Carver asked Major Keith LaCaze to explain how this regulation would work and how much of a problem is there. stated he did not like the idea of the regulation. Commissioner Carver asked what will happen with the handicapped or persons 70 years old? Then he asked how would this regulation be enforced. Major LaCaze stated they would check a stand one day and if they

could not locate the hunter, the agent would probably go back the next day and if the stand is still unattended, it would probably then be confiscated. Commissioner Carver felt this will discourage hunters as it has discouraged him. He then stated he was not sure there was a real answer to this situation. Again, Commissioner Carver stated this regulation will make hunting difficult for those that hunt wildlife management areas. Then he asked if this regulation was necessary. Col. Vidrine stated this regulation has been in existence for many years. Chairman Gattle stated he was sympathetic to those that can not carry stands onto an area, but he has been told it was discouraging for hunters not to be able to access a WMA wherever he may want to hunt. Commissioner Busbice asked if there would be a problem if a hunter brought his stand in the woods Saturday morning and left it until one hour after sunset on Sunday? Col. Vidrine stated Enforcement could live with that suggestion, but it was still preempting space. Commissioner Carver stated he appreciates the problem, but he still feels the Commission is discouraging hunters. Commissioner Babin asked how did this change come about last year and was there that many problems in that one year period. Then he asked Mr. Johnnie Tarver how did this drastic change from the original proposal come about? Tarver stated he instructed his staff to make Mr. recommendation since the proposal worked in previous years and last year's experiment did not work. He then stated he was going along Chairman Gattle reminded with Enforcement's recommendation. Commissioner Babin he was the one that made the motion to put it out there to receive public comments. Commissioner Babin stated the motion was made because it was the law on the books. Then he asked if the regulation worked so well for so many years, why was it changed last year? Mr. Prickett stated the hunters requested this change as a convenience to them. Commissioner McCall asked if the proposed regulation worked good before last year's change? He then commented if it worked good before the change, if it is a burden to bring a stand out every night, but not a burden to carry out a deer, he would be inclined to go back to the way it was. Commissioner Carver asked if it worked so well, why was it changed? Mr. Prickett stated the old regulation did not require you to carry out your stand every day, it required you not to have a permanent stand. Last year, it was clarified by clearly stating the difference between a permanent stand and a non-permanent stand. Commissioner Babin stated this was changing the regulation entirely by making hunters remove the stands from the area. Commissioner McCall stated his problem was how do you prevent a hunter from bringing 10 stands into the woods, laying them by trees and blocking off acres for his own personal good and keeping others Chairman Gattle asked if there would be a problem if the stands were taken down and locked to the trees? Col. Vidrine stated yes, it would cause a problem. Commissioner Carver stated it would not bother him to put a stand on a tree that has one already laid down beside it. Commissioner McCall stated the stands should be removed every night in order to give every hunter a free opportunity to hunt different areas. Chairman Gattle asked if

there was any accommodations for the handicapped? Commissioner Carver stated, when you get to a certain age, you are handicapped. Col. Vidrine stated there are special regulations for the handicapped such as trails and use of 4-wheelers. Chairman Gattle stated it was time to decide among the Commission whether to change the language as suggested by the Wildlife and Enforcement Divisions or leave it as it is in the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Babin reminded everyone that prior to last year, hunters were not required to take stands out of the woods. Then Commissioner Babin made a motion to leave the regulation as it appeared in the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the definition of a permanent stand as the regulation appeared in the 1995-96 hunting pamphlet. The motion did not pass.

Chairman Gattle asked if a new motion was needed to change the language on deer stands? Mr. Mike Landrum stated there was a need for a new motion. Mr. Prickett read the language from the Notice of Intent to which Commissioner Babin made a motion and it was defeated. Then Mr. Prickett read the new regulation which states, "A permanent stand is any stand which is not removed from the wildlife management area or dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours." He then stated he needed a motion to make this change. Mr. Prickett reminded the Commission they also need to decide on the boundary change for Area 2 and Area 3. Commissioner Babin stated he would like to have separate motions for these two issues. Chairman Gattle then asked for a motion to accept language presented by Mr. Prickett for stands on the WMA. Commissioner McCall made a motion and it was seconded by The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner Kelly. Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Babin.

Chairman Gattle then asked for a motion to include a portion of Area 3 back into Area 2. Commissioner Babin made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. This motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Prickett then stated they prepared a resolution to adopt the resident seasons, bag limits and regulations for hunting for the 1998-99 year. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 9, 1998.

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- whereas, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- whereas, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1998 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby amends its regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department-operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. Authority to establish regulations is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1998-99 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24: (July 1998).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1998-99

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 14-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 3-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 3-Feb. 14	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 14-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 25-Jan.31	Nov.21-Dec. 4 Jan. 9-Jan.24	Dec. 5-Dec.13 Dec. 19-Jan.8
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 17-Oct. 23 Jan. 4-Jan. 10	Oct. 24-Dec.4	Dec. 5-Jan. 3
3	Sept.19- Jan.19	Oct. 5-Oct. 9 Dec. 12-Dec. 18	Oct. 10-Dec.6 Dec. 19-Jan.3	

4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10	Nov. 21-Jan.3	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10 (Bucks Only)	Nov.21-Nov.29	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 25-Jan. 31	Nov. 21-Dec.4	Dec. 5-Dec.13 Dec.19-Jan.24
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 3-Oct. 9 Jan. 18-Jan. 24	Oct.10-Oct.25 Nov. 21-Dec.6	Dec.12-Jan.17

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
	Nov.21-22, 27-29 Dec.5-6, 12-13		Nov.21-22, 27-29 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
	Oct.24-25, Oct.31- Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6		Oct.24-25, Nov.27-29 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.24-25, Nov.27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles)
	Oct.10-11, 24-25, Oct.31-Nov.1, Nov.7-8, 27-29	11	Oct.10-11, Nov.27-29, Dec.5-6 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.21-22, 27-29		Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6, 12-13 (East CarrollThat portion lying between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
	Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6, 12-13	9	Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
	Oct.10-11, Nov.21- 22, 27-29, Dec.12- 13	9	

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

Tentative 1998-99 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates was presented by Mr. Dave Recommendations were developed from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's frameworks and will not be formally approved The dates selected by the Commission would be until next month. forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selection prior to the August 1 deadline. For the dove season, two options have been recommended, which includes a 60 day-15 bird bag limit or a 70 day-12 bird bag limit. Under the 60 day option, the season dates would be September 5 - September 13, October 17 -November 6 and then December 12 - January 10. For the 70 day option, the dates would be September 5 - September 13, October 17 -November 16 and then December 12 - January 10. Over the past few years, the dove season has been alternating between the two options. If the Commission chooses, the 60 day option would be recommended for this year. Going on, Mr. Morrison talked about the teal season and the fact that Louisiana has been granted a 16 day season option. The dates would be September 12 - September 27 with a daily bag limit of 4 and possession limit of 8, killing only blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal. Rail and gallinule season first split will correspond with the September teal season and the second split will open on November 7 - December 30. Bag limits for king and clapper rails will be 15 daily and 30 possession; but Virginia and Sora rails will be 25 in the aggregate. Bag limits for gallinules will be 15 daily and 30 possession. The season length for woodcock will only be 45 days with a bag limit of 3 birds. The dates will be December 18 -January 31. Snipe season recommendation is November 7 - February 21, bag limits of 8 daily and 16 possession. Shooting hours for all except dove will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Dove shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on the opening weekends when shooting hours will be from noon to sunset. Mr. Morrison then stated this will be the first year Louisiana is involved in the Harvest Information Program.

Commissioner Busbice asked if all the dates for teal season had to occur in September? Mr. Morrison answered yes. Chairman Gattle asked if the Commission needed to indicate which dove option via a motion or was Mr. Morrison making a recommendation? Mr. Morrison stated the staff presented both options and which one is chosen is the Commission's prerogative. Commissioner Busbice asked if they could vote for a 70 day-15 bird option, to which he was told no. Commissioner Babin asked why the shooting hours for opening weekends of dove season begins at noon? Then he asked if it was a social issue, why not let those that wanted to shoot at noon begin then, but still allow those that wanted to shoot at sunrise to do that? Mr. Morrison stated a survey was conducted and this was part of a compromise which has worked well. Commissioner Babin felt there was a need to give something to the hunters by starting shooting hours at sunrise. Chairman Gattle then asked for

a motion on which option the Commission wants for the dove season. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to accept the 60 day-15 bird limit for dove season. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Babin asked the Wildlife Division to conduct a hunter preference on dove shooting hours for the next season. Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Morrison to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Busbice. This motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 9, 1998.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, DC have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- whereas, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- whereas, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:
 - (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these

seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government, and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Mr. Phil Bowman presented the Declaration of Emergency to Set 1998 Alligator Season. He began stating the wild season is different from the farming and ranching of alligators which occurs year round. A handout on the alligator program and the harvest of alligators in Louisiana was given to each Commissioner and explained by Mr. Bowman. He then asked Chairman Gattle if he wanted the entire Declaration of Emergency read. Before going on, Commissioner Busbice asked if 30.5 cm was 1 foot? Mr. Bowman then read the Declaration of Emergency which listed the season dates as September 2, 1998 through October 1, 1998. Commissioner Babin stated his part of the country has a problem with too many alligators and asked the Department to look at this problem. Commissioner Carver asked if a study has been conducted to see if the farm raised alligators make it in the wild? Mr. Bowman stated the staff was in the 10th year of a 10-year study and the results will be reviewed this fall and winter. Commissioner Babin stated a 96 percent success rate on harvest relates to a lot of alligators being out there. Commissioner McCall stated you can not travel lower Cameron Parish without seeing alligators or alligator parts scattered on the highway. He then asked, once all the data was available, to consider increasing the tags by 5 percent to help reduce the population? Mr. Bowman stated they will look at that possibility. Commissioner Carver commented alligator management has been good. Commissioner Babin then made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), and R.S. 49:967(D), which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting held July 9, 1998, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, set the 1998 wild alligator season dates.

The 1998 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 2, 1998 through official sunset October 1, 1998. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line, and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

Mr. Phil Bowman also handled the next agenda item, Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Experimental Alligator Harvest (Public Comment). An experimental alligator harvest has been conducted for a number of years on Marsh Island. Prior to that harvest, it is asked that the Commission open the meeting for any public comments. Chairman Gattle then asked for any public comments. Mr. Bowman then stated, for the record, no one wished to make any public comments on the Marsh Island experimental alligator harvest for 1998.

A Non-Resident Recreational Fishing License Agreement Between Texas & Louisiana on Common Border Waters was handled by Mr. Bennie This agreement on the common border waters includes Toledo Bend, Caddo Lake, Sabine River and Sabine Lake. A resident cooperative agreement is already in place, but the non-residents were not included at that time. The agreement presented includes all the current agreements in one document plus adding that each state will recognize a non-resident recreational fishing license on the border waters. Commissioner Babin asked if Texas has already voted on this agreement. Mr. Fontenot stated yes, it will become effective in Texas on September 1, 1998. Commissioner Carver stated this Agreement will do away with a lot of confusion. Commissioner Busbice asked if a person 60 or 65 years of age needs Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the a license? Reciprocal Recreational Fishing License Agreement and it was seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Reciprocal Agreement is made a part of the record.)

RECIPROCAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

This Agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 1998, by and between the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ("Louisiana") and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("Texas"), each acting by and through duly authorized officials,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the neighboring states of Louisiana and Texas each hold interests in fishery resources that are enjoyed by the citizens of these states, including the waters that form the common boundary between the two states, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of those states that licensing regulations for the shared boundary waters be consistent, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto also desire to grant similar sport fishing license exemptions whereby residents of Texas 65 years of age or older and 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Louisiana waters without a fishing license, and likewise, residents of Louisiana 65 years of age or older and 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Texas waters without a fishing license, and

WHEREAS, non-residents from many parts of the country travel to the Louisiana-Texas border to enjoy the abundant fishery resources of the common boundary waters of that area, and

WHEREAS, those non-resident tourists contribute to the local economies of the area, and

WHEREAS, clear regulations regarding common boundary waters that are available to non-resident fishing license holders should provide for more compliance with the applicable laws, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:671 and 673 provide that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may enter into reciprocal fishing license agreements, and may also enter into reciprocal agreements with the state of Texas pertaining to seasons, creel limits, and all other rules and regulations pertaining to fishing in waters forming the common boundary between Louisiana and Texas,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits hereof, Texas and Louisiana contract as follows:

A. STATE-REGULATED WATERS

- 1. Texas residents 65 years of age or older or 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Louisiana waters without a license; provided however, proof of age as set out below is required.
- 2. Louisiana residents 65 years of age or older or 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Texas waters without a license; provided, however, proof of age as set out below is required.

B. COMMON BOUNDARY WATERS

- 1. For the purposes of this reciprocal agreement, common boundary waters are Caddo Lake proper, the Toledo Bend Lake project including the spillway outfall and the hydro power outfall channels below Toledo Bend Dam, Sabine Lake proper, and the main channel of the Sabine River where it forms the boundary between the states of Texas and Louisiana, but not including the waters of the Sabine River ship channel south of the line between Texas Point and Louisiana Point. Tributaries of the named common boundary waters are specifically not included as boundary waters. For purposes of this rule, tributary water bodies enter boundary waters at a line that runs from point to point across the mouth of the tributary water body.
- 2. Residents of Texas or Louisiana who meet the licensing requirements of their state may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.
- 3. Persons who have in their possession a Texas or Louisiana valid non-resident recreational fishing license may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.
- 4. Texas residents under 17 and over 65 may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.
- 5. Louisiana residents under 16 and over 60 may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.
- 6. Other than the license privileges provided herein, the fishing regulations of the state in which the fishing occurs shall control.

C. GENERAL

- 1. Proof of age must be in the form of a birth certificate, driver's license, or a military record which states age (or a photostatic copy of same).
- 2. This agreement applies only to sport fishing licenses, and does not apply to any sport fishing activities that require specific recreational gear licenses in either state (e.g. crab traps, crawfish traps, hoop nets, etc.).
- 3. This agreement supersedes the previous reciprocal agreements on recreational fishing licenses dated February 13, 1968 and September 27, 1984 including the undated amendment to the last-cited agreement.
- 4. This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after it has been rescinded in writing by either the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or their successors.
- 5. The effective date of this reciprocal agreement will be September 1, 1998.

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Before going on, Commissioner Busbice asked Mr. Fontenot how the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery did this year. Mr. Fontenot stated he provided a copy of the production report and where the fish were stocked to Secretary Jenkins and would be glad to send one to each member. He then stated they were having real problems with the liners in the rearing ponds which significantly curtailed production. Staff has met with all parties involved to see who is responsible for the problem. The problem is water and air is getting under the liners and causing them to come up. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Fontenot to keep the Commission informed. Secretary Jenkins stated there was a very serious multi-million dollar problem at the hatchery. The liners from 70 of 72 ponds are being lifted from water beneath them. Other problems include pipes

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rusting, valves leaking, and handles breaking off. Secretary Jenkins explained the process involved that Facility Planning went through to have the hatchery built. Department staff met with Facility Planning, contractors, sub-contractors, professional engineers, geotechnical and all the others involved and no one wanted to accept blame for the problems. Secretary Jenkins stated he recently sent a letter to Facility Planning asking them to get involved in this situation. After briefing the Governor on the problems, Secretary Jenkins was told the Governor would get Chairman Gattle asked if there are any warranties? Secretary Jenkins stated there are warranties. He then explained the major problem occurring with the water liners and the question to be answered is, where is the water coming from. Commissioner McCall asked when were the failures first noticed? Roussel stated the problems with the water liners has been there even before construction was completed and has been getting bigger and bigger. Stop gap measures have been attempted and none seem to have worked. Mr. Fontenot stated that as the problems arose, staff met with everyone involved and documented each occurrence.

Mrs. Wynnette Kees presented the next item, Adoption of Strategic Plan. Act 1465 of 1997 states the Commission meets the definition of an agency. This means the Commission must have their own Strategic Plan or adopt the Department's plan. After some discussions, Mrs. Kees stated it was decided the Commission would adopt the Department's Strategic Plan. The Therefore Be It Resolved portion of a Resolution to formally adopt the plan was read by Mrs. Kees. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on July 9, 1998.

WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 defined "agency" as any state office, department, board, commission, institution, division, et cetera, and

WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 requires that each department and agency of state government shall engage in the process of

strategic planning and shall produce a strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, the missions and goals of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are the same, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts as its strategic plan the strategic plan developed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 117 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 95 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 123 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 80 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 341 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 232 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 430 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 241 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 264 citations.

SWEP - 20 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 64 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 24 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 158 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1.923.

The aviation report for June 1998 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 88.7 hours for enforcement and 6.1 hours for other divisions.

Chairman Gattle asked how many of the boating violations are attributable to jet skis? Major LaCaze stated it was probably a third. Chairman Gattle then asked if there have been any injury cases from jet skis? Major LaCaze stated there were none for this month. Commissioner Busbice asked to list the cities the regions are located in the Reports. Commissioner Babin stated he liked the new format and also asked the cities be listed.

Chairman Gattle then asked for a Division Report on the Natural Heritage Program. Mr. Gary Lester began stating there are over 900 species of vertebrate animals in Louisiana and about 86 percent are not hunted, fished or trapped and are the species they deal with. The Program has been around since 1984 and were one of only 44 programs in the United States. Now there are programs in every state, most Canadian Provinces and several South and Central Saving wildlife diversity, non-game and the America countries. status of these species is what pushes this program, stated Mr. Currently there are about 6,000 occurrences of rare, threatened or endangered species as well as unique species in Louisiana compiled into a database. This information is used to review permit applications to determine the effects of the projects Mr. Lester then showed several copies of on these species. publications put out by the Natural Heritage Program. There is a lot of public interest for these publications not only from those that hunt and fish, but those that do not hunt and fish. Natural Heritage Program works with landowners to gain access to their property for inventory and to try to protect these areas. There are about 300 sites that represents unique areas for Louisiana in the database. Also, 2 areas were acquired for the Department and they included Tunica Hills WMA and Lake Ramsey-Savannah WMA. The main reason for the inventory is conservation of unique species and unique habitat throughout the State. Projects staff is involved in includes the Black Bear Conservation Committee, Association for Biodiversity Information, Reptile and Amphibian Task Force, Teaming with Wildlife, and Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Habitat Conservation Plan. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Lester if a permit was needed from his office to change the shape of the land to make sure it was free of endangered species? Lester stated they comment on proposed projects that are submitted to the Corps of Engineers. Then Chairman Gattle asked if the Corps of Engineers still issues the permits? Mr. Lester answered yes.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the **November 1998 Meeting** on Thursday, November 5, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any Public Comments.
Mr. Robert Walker, a volunteer with Ducks Unlimited, stated there

is a new license plate available with Ducks Unlimited logo on it. The money from these new license plates will go to the Department for use with wetlands. He then expressed thanks on behalf of Ducks Unlimited and the hunters for the 16 day teal season. Chairman Gattle asked what is the fee for a truck? Mr. Walker stated the basic fee is \$105 for a 4-year plate. Commissioner Busbice asked for a copy of the form needed to get a DU license plate.

Chairman Gattle asked Secretary Jenkins to give a brief overview on the budget. Secretary Jenkins stated the Department did fairly well, but there were some substantial cuts in some areas. Enforcement was cut \$1.4 million and 9 positions, Fisheries - 9 positions, Wildlife Division - 3 positions and Fur & Refuge -Mistakes were made by the Department in the information given Division of Administration and the Committee that listened to our hearing and there were mistakes made by Division of Administration in their interpretations. Attempts were made during the Session to amend the budget but the Department defeated them. Secretary Jenkins then stated he met with Division Administration in an effort to fund "big ticket items". The budget does not allow a source of funds to replace equipment used by the State once it is worn out. Secretary Jenkins felt the agencies should put money aside to replace equipment as you go along. During this Legislative Session, Secretary Jenkins asked that an additional \$6 million dollars be put into the budget to start replacing equipment. After the Committee Hearings, only \$2 million was given which allowed the purchase of some of the "big ticket The Governor stated he would sit with Secretary Jenkins and the Commissioner of Administration and let the Secretary explain the problems and possibly find a solution. Concluding, Secretary Jenkins stated some of the mistakes made will be corrected and monies will be transferred to where it needs to be.

Commissioner Busbice asked Mr. Hugh Bateman if they were monitoring the drought situation for the wildlife? Mr. Bateman stated a News Release was put out generalizing some of the problems occurring with the drought. Commissioner Odom with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry stated the state would probably be declared a disaster area in terms of crop production. Additional stress is occurring on wildlife population. Another problem with the drought is vegetation will become very hard and unpalatable for animals that uses it for food. The same picture is going on with non-game species also. The length of the drought will ultimately determine how severe the damage is and what the Department will be dealing with.

Commissioner Babin made a motion to go into Executive Session on Jenkins et al. vs. Odom et al., 19th JDC. Commissioner Busbice seconded the motion. Mr. Joe Macaluso asked the reason for the Executive Session. A roll call vote was requested and it was unanimously approved to go into Executive Session.

Reconvening from Executive Session with no action taken and there being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall.

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Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Jerald Hanchey was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the June 4, 1998 Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

Secretary Jenkins announced Mr. Johnnie Tarver would be retiring soon after having been with the Department close to 30 years. Mr. Tarver stated this would probably be his last Commission Meeting and expressed his appreciation for the cooperativeness demonstrated over the years. He then offered his help if needed in the future. He thanked his staff for their extra work needed to accomplish many projects such as the alligator season, and the reptile and amphibian business. Mr. Tarver also thanked his wife for standing behind him and supporting him over the last 30 years.

Secretary Jenkins then introduced the new Undersecretary, Mr. Jim Patton to the Commission.

Chairman Galtle stated he has enjoyed his relationship with Mr. Tarver and expressed appreciation for all he has done for the Commission.

Chairman Gattle then asked for Public Comments on the 1998-99 Resident Game Hunting Seasons. Mr. Lemmy Walker reminded the Commission he appeared at the May Meeting requesting a still hunting only area be designated in the Fourth Ward of Tangipahoa Parish. He met with staff from the Wildlife Division and it was suggested a colored map with landowners be created. This map was given to Mr. Dave Moreland and he was encouraged to contact any landowner for verification. Mr. Walker then asked the Commission to designate this area as still hunting only for the upcoming season. Chairman Gattle asked if anything has been changed to this

effect in the Rule and was it the recommendation of the Department to conform with the request? Mr. Tommy Prickett stated they told Mr. Walker the Wildlife Division could not concur with their request until they had the vast majority of landowners in that area in support of eliminating dog hunting. After the maps were the staff can recommend supporting the request. provided, Commissioner Babin asked what percentage of people are in favor of Mr. Prickett stated over 80 percent of the this request. landowners have signed the petition, but the 80 percent represents percent of the wooded acreage in that Commissioner Busbice stated he would probably vote against this proposal since it would take away an activity that someone may have enjoyed since they were a child. He did understand some of the problems such as trespassing and stated this needed to be handled at the Legislature. Commissioner Busbice then asked if the acreage and the names on the petition have been verified? Mr. Prickett stated these people are the landowners and lessors that controls the acreage within the area requested. Commissioner Busbice asked if there were any hunters that would want to dog hunt? Mr. Walker stated there are 1 or 2 hunters with dogs, but the real problem is outsiders coming in shooting high powered rifles. He assured Commissioner Busbice they were not trying to take anything away from any hunter. Commissioner Busbice then stated he had a problem with taking something away. Then he asked Mr. Walker if he was certain the use of high powered rifkes were from only dog hunters? Mr. Walker could not positively answer that question. Chairman Gattle then asked if there was a problem in enforcing this request? A discussion of the map was held Commissioner Babin asked if any comments have been received opposing this request since it was first presented? Mr. Prickett stated the Wildlife Division has not received any comments opposing the request.

Mr. Benny Walker stated he sat with each landowner and obtained their signature on the petition as well as colored the map as recommended by Mr. Prickett. He felt they were not taking anything away from any hunter by disallowing the running of dogs. Mr. Walker then asked the Commission to agree to the still hunt only area.

Commissioner Babin made a motion to have still hunting only in the area designated by the map. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from Commissioner Busbice.

Mr. Ronald Morris, Washington Parish, stated he has an area of 27,460 acres that they would like to see as still hunting only. This proposal was first presented to the Commission in April and since that time additional acreage has been added. He then explained the requested area on a map stating they were having the same problems as the previous landowners. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Morris if he had 80 percent of the signatures of landowners? Mr. Morris stated it was 80 percent of the acreage. Then Commissioner McCall asked about the other 20 percent and noted

those people may be opposed to this request. He then stated his opinion would be to hold off until the other 20 percent could be contacted. Commissioner Busbice again stated he was opposed to this request since it takes away an activity from a hunter. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Prickett to come up and address this request. Mr. Prickett stated they have not had the opportunity to review Mr. Morris' map in detail. They have looked at the petition and are confident they are landowners in the area. The Enforcement Division is in support of this request, stated Mr. Prickett. The requested area is similar in topography to the Tangipahoa Parish area. Chairman Gattle recommended tabling the request and look at it again next year. Commissioner Babin stated this information needed to be submitted sooner in order for the Commission to make a sound decision. He then suggested Mr. Morris present his proposal early in the process next year.

Commissioner Busbice stated there was a need to verify the names on petitions before they are presented to the Commission.

Mr. Tommy Prickett presented the next item, Rule Ratification - 1998-99 Resident Game Seasons. He began stating any change can be controversial especially with dog hunting and there is a need to make sure there is overwhelming support for these changes. The process for setting the hunting seasons began in January, a Notice of Intent was adopted in March, public comments have been received since then and now is time to ratify the rule. Changes have been made by the Commission, but 2 more changes are still pending. The first request, from Senator James David Cain and Representative John Smith, was to change the boundary line in Areas 2 and 3 in Rapides and Vernon Parishes. This request came because the hunters did not like the early opening dates in Area 3. A compromise has been reached on this boundary line. Mr. Prickett then asked the Commission for their concurrence on this change. Commissioner Busbice stated he talked with Commissioner Hanchey and he was in favor of the change.

The other change dealt with how to handle deer stands on wildlife management areas. Mr. Prickett read the language as it appeared in the Notice of Intent. The recommended change would require hunters to remove their deer stands each day, one-half hour after sunset. Chairman Gattle asked if the stands could stay on the area all day long but would have to be removed no later than one-half hour after sunset? Commissioner Carver asked if a hunter went to his stand in the morning and left after two hours, would he have to remove his stand then? Col. Winton Vidrine stated the stand could stay in the woods until one hour after sunset. Commissioner Carver asked Major Keith LaCaze to explain how this regulation would work and how much of a problem is there. He stated he did not like the idea of the regulation. Commissioner Carver asked what will happen with the handicapped or persons 70 years old? Then he asked how would this regulation be enforced. Major LaCaze stated they would check a stand one day and if they

could not locate the hunter, the agent would probably go back the next day and if the stand is still unattended, it would probably then be confiscated. Commissioner Carver felt this will discourage hunters as it has discouraged him. He then stated he was not sure there was a real answer to this situation. Again, Commissioner Carver stated this regulation will make hunting difficult for those that hunt wildlife management areas. Then he asked if this regulation was necessary. Col. Vidrine stated this regulation has been in existence for many years. Chairman Gattle stated he was sympathetic to those that can not carry stands onto an area, but he has been told it was discouraging for hunters not to be able to access a WMA wherever he may want to hunt. Commissioner Busbice asked if there would be a problem if a hunter brought his stand in the woods Saturday morning and left it until one hour after sunset on Sunday? Col. Vidrine stated Enforcement could live with that suggestion, but it was still preempting space. Commissioner Carver stated he appreciates the problem, but he still feels the Commission is discouraging hunters. Commissioner Babin asked how did this change come about last year and was there that many problems in that one year period. Then he asked Mr. Johnnie Tarver how did this drastic change from the original proposal come about? stated he instructed his staff to make the recommendation since the proposal worked in previous years and last year's experiment did not work. He then stated he was going along with Enforcement's recommendation. Chairman Gattle reminded Commissioner Babin he was the one that made the motion to put it out there to receive public comments. Commissioner Babin stated the motion was made because it was the law on the books. Then he asked if the regulation worked so well for so many years, why was it changed last year? Mr. Prickett stated the hunters requested this change as a convenience to them. Commissioner McCall asked if the proposed regulation worked good before last year's change? He then commented if it worked good before the change, if it is a burden to bring a stand out every night, but not a burden to carry out a deer, he would be inclined to go back to the way it was. Commissioner Carver asked if it worked so well, why was it changed? Mr. Prickett stated the old regulation did not require you to carry out your stand every day, it required you not to have a permanent stand. Last year, it was clarified by clearly stating the difference between a permanent stand and a non-permanent stand. Commissioner Babin stated this was changing the regulation entirely by making hunters remove the stands from the area. Commissioner McCall stated his problem was how do you prevent a hunter from bringing 10 stands into the woods, laying them by trees and blocking off acres for his own personal good and keeping others Chairman Gattle asked if there would be a problem if the stands were taken down and locked to the trees? Col. Vidrine stated yes, it would cause a problem. Commissioner Carver stated it would not bother him to put a stand on a tree that has one already laid down beside it. Commissioner McCall stated the stands should be removed every night in order to give every hunter a free opportunity to hunt different areas. Chairman Gattle asked if

there was any accommodations for the handicapped? Commissioner Carver stated, when you get to a certain age, you are handicapped. Col. Vidrine stated there are special regulations for the handicapped such as trails and use of 4-wheelers. Chairman Gattle stated it was time to decide among the Commission whether to change the language as suggested by the Wildlife and Enforcement Divisions or leave it as it is in the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Babin reminded everyone that prior to last year, hunters were not required to take stands out of the woods. Then Commissioner Babin made a motion to leave the regulation as it appeared in the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the definition of a permanent stand as the regulation appeared in the 1995-96 hunting pamphlet. The motion did not pass.

Chairman Gattle asked if a new motion was needed to change the language on deer stands? Mr. Mike Landrum stated there was a need for a new motion. Mr. Prickett read the language from the Notice of Intent to which Commissioner Babin made a motion and it was defeated. Then Mr. Prickett read the new regulation which states, "A permanent stand is any stand which is not removed from the wildlife management area or dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours." He then stated he needed a motion to make this change. Mr. Prickett reminded the Commission they also need to decide on the boundary change for Area 2 and Area 3. Commissioner Babin stated he would like to have separate motions for these two issues. Chairman Gattle then asked for a motion to accept language presented by Mr. Prickett for stands on the WMA. Commissioner McCall made a motion and it was seconded by The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner Kelly. Commissioner Carver, and Commissioner Babin.

Chairman Gattle then asked for a motion to include a portion of Area 3 back into Area 2. Commissioner Babin made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. This motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Prickett then stated they prepared a resolution to adopt the resident seasons, bag limits and regulations for hunting for the 1998-99 year. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 9, 1998.

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- whereas, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- whereas, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- whereas, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1998 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby amends its regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department-operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. Authority to establish regulations is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1998-99 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24: (July 1998).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1998-99

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 14-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 3-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 3-Feb. 14	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 14-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
		Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 25-Jan.31	Nov.21-Dec. 4 Jan. 9-Jan.24	Dec. 5-Dec.13 Dec. 19-Jan.8
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3	Sept.19- Jan.19	Oct. 5-Oct. 9 Dec. 12-Dec. 18	Oct. 10-Dec.6 Dec. 19-Jan.3	

4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10	Nov. 21-Jan.3	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10 (Bucks Only)	Nov.21-Nov.29	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 25-Jan. 31	Nov. 21-Dec.4	Dec. 5-Dec.13 Dec 19-Jan.24
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 3-Oct. 9 Jan. 18-Jan. 24	Oct.10-Oct.25 Nov. 21-Dec.6	Déc.12-Jan.17

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
	Nov.21-22, 27-29 Dec.5-6, 12-13		Nov.21-22, 27-29 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
1	Oct.24-25, Oct.31- Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6		Oct.24-25, Nov.27-29 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.24-25, Nov.27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles)
	Oct.10-11, 24-25, Oct.31-Nov.1, Nov.7-8, 27-29		oct.10-11, Nov.27-29, Dec.5-6 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.21-22, 27-29		Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6, 12-13 (East CarrollThat portion lying between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
	Nov.21-22, 27-29 Dec.5-6, 12-13	9	Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.10-11, Nov.21- 22, 27-29, Dec.12- 13	9	

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

Tentative 1998-99 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates was presented by Mr. Dave Recommendations were developed from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's frameworks and will not be formally approved until next month. The dates selected by the Commission would be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Labisiana's selection prior to the August 1 deadline. For the dove season, two options have been recommended, which includes a 60 day 15 bird bag limit or a 70 day-12 bird bag limit. Under the 60 day option, the season dates would be September 5 - September 13, October 17 5 November 6 and then December 12 - January 10. For the 70 day option, the dates would be September 5 - September 13, October 17 -November 16 and then December 12 - January 10. Over the past few years, the dove season has been alternating between the two If the Commission chooses, the 60 day option would be options. recommended for this year. Going on, Mr. Morrison talked about the teal season and the fact that Louisiana has been granted a 16 day season option. The dates would be September 12 - September 27 with a daily bag limit of 4 and possession limit of 8, killing only blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal. Rail and gallinule season first split will correspond with the September teal season and the second split will open on November 7 December 30. Bag limits for king and clapper rails will be 15 daily and 30 possession; but Virginia and Sera rails will be 25 in the Bag limits for gallinules will be 15 daily and 30 aggregate. possession. The season length for woodcock will only be 45 days with a bag limit of 3 birds. The dates will be December 18 -January 31. Snipe season recommendation is November 7 - February 21, bag limits of 8 daily and 16 possession. Shooting hours for all except dove will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Dove shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on the opening weekends when shooting hours will be from noon to sunset. Mr. Morrison then stated this will be the first year Louisiana is involved in the Harvest Information Program.

Commissioner Busbice asked if all the dates for teal season had to occur in September? Mr. Morrison answered yes. Chairman Gattle asked if the Commission needed to indicate which dove option via a motion or was Mr. Morrison making a recommendation? Mr. Morrison stated the staff presented both options and which one is chosen is the Commission's prerogative. Commissioner Busbice asked if they could vote for a 70 day-15 bird option, to which he was told no. Commissioner Babin asked why the shooting hours for opening weekends of dove season begins at noon? Then he asked if it was a social issue, why not let those that wanted to shoot at noon begin then, but still allow those that wanted to shoot at sunrise to do that? Mr. Morrison stated a survey was conducted and this was part of a compromise which has worked well. Commissioner Babin felt there was a need to give something to the hunters by starting shooting hours at sunrise. Chairman Gattle then asked for

a motion on which option the Commission wants for the dove season. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to accept the 60 day-15 bird limit for dove season. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Babin asked the Wildlife Division to conduct a hunter preference on dove shooting hours for the next season. Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Morrison to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Busbice. This motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 9, 1998.

- whereas, public hearings in Washington, DC have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- whereas, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- whereas, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- whereas, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:
 - (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these

seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government, and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Mr. Phil Bowman presented the Declaration of Emergency to Set He began stating the wild season is 1998 Alligator Season. different from the farming and ranching of alligators which occurs year round. A handout on the alligator program and the harvest of alligators in Louisiana was given to each Commissioner and explained by Mr. Bowman. He then asked Chalrman Gattle if he wanted the entire Declaration of Emergency read, Before going on, Commissioner Busbice asked if 30.5 cm was 1 foot? Mr. Bowman then read the Declaration of Emergency which listed the season dates as September 2, 1998 through October 1, 1998. Commissioner Babin stated his part of the country has a problem with too many alligators and asked the Department to look at this problem. Commissioner Carver asked if a study has been conducted to see if the farm raised alligators make it in the wild? Mr. Bowman stated the staff was in the 10th year of a 10-year study and the results will be reviewed this fall and winter. Commissioner Babin stated a 96 percent success rate on harvest relates to a lot of alligators Commissioner McCall stated you can not travel being out there. lower Cameron Parish without seeing alligators or alligator parts scattered on the highway. He then asked, once all the data was available, to consider increasing the tags by 5 percent to help reduce the population? Mr. Bowman stated they will look at that possibility. Commissioner Carver commented alligator management has been good. Commissioner Babin then made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), and R.S. 49:967(D), which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting held July 9, 1998, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, set the 1998 wild alligator season dates.

The 1998 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 2, 1998 through official sunset October 1, 1998. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line, and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

Mr. Phil Bowman also handled the next agenda item, Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Experimental Alligator Harvest (Public Comment). An experimental alligator harvest has been conducted for a number of years on Marsh Island. Prior to that harvest, it is asked that the Commission open the meeting for any public comments. Chairman Cattle then asked for any public comments. Mr. Bowman then stated, for the record, no one wished to make any public comments on the Marsh Island experimental alligator harvest for 1998.

A Non-Resident Recreational Fishing License Agreement Between Texas & Louisiana on Common Border Waters was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. This agreement on the common border waters includes Toledo Bend, Caddo Lake, Sabine River and Sabine Lake. A resident cooperative agreement is already in place, but the non-residents were not included at that time. The agreement presented includes all the current agreements in one document plus adding that each state will recognize a non-resident recreational fishing license on the border waters. Commissioner Babin asked if Texas has already voted on this agreement. Mr. Fontenot stated yes, it will become effective in Texas on September 1, 1998. Commissioner Carver stated this Agreement will do away with a lot of confusion. Commissioner Busbice asked if a person 60 or 65 years of age needs Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the a license? Reciprocal Recreational Fishing License Agreement and it was seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Reciprocal Agreement is made a part of the record.)

RECIPROCAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

This Agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 1998, by and between the Louisiana Midlife and Fisheries Commission ("Louisiana") and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("Texas"), each acting by and through duly authorized officials,

WITNESSE H:

WHEREAS, the neighboring states of Louisiana and Texas each hold interests in fishery resources that are enjoyed by the citizens of these states, including the waters that form the common boundary between the two states, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of those states that licensing regulations for the shared boundary waters be consistent, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto also desire to grant similar sport fishing license exemptions whereby residents of Texas 65 years of age or older and 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Louisiana waters without a fishing license, and likewise, residents of Louisiana 65 years of age or older and 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Texas waters without a fishing license, and

WHEREAS, non-residents from many parts of the country travel to the Louisiana-Texas border to enjoy the abundant fishery resources of the common boundary waters of that area, and

WHEREAS, those non-resident tourists contribute to the local economies of the area, and

WHEREAS, clear regulations regarding common boundary waters that are available to non-resident fishing license holders should provide for more compliance with the applicable laws, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:671 and 673 provide that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may enter into reciprocal fishing license agreements, and may also enter into reciprocal agreements with the state of Texas pertaining to seasons, creel limits, and all other rules and regulations pertaining to fishing in waters forming the common boundary between Louisiana and Texas,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits hereof, Texas and Louisiana contract as follows:

A. STATE-REGULATED WATERS

- 1. Texas residents 65 years of age or older or 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Louisiana waters without a license; provided however, proof of age as set out below is required.
- 2. Louisiana residents 65 years of age or clder or 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Texas waters without a license; provided, however, proof of age as set out below is required.

B. COMMON BOUNDARY WATERS

- 1. For the purposes of this reciprocal agreement, common boundary waters are Caddo Lake proper, the Toledo Bend Lake project including the spillway outfall and the hydro power outfall channels below Toledo Bend Dam, Sabine Lake proper, and the main channel of the Sabine River where it forms the boundary between the states of Texas and Louisiana, but not including the waters of the Sabine River ship channel south of the line between Texas Point and Louisiana Point. Tributaries of the named common boundary waters are specifically not included as boundary waters. For purposes of this rule, tributary water bodies enter boundary waters at a line that runs from point to point across the mouth of the tributary water body.
- 2. Residents of Texas or Louisiana who meet the licensing requirements of their state may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.
- 3. Persons who have in their possession a Texas or Louisiana valid non-resident recreational fishing license may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.
- 4. Texas residents under 17 and over 65 may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.
- 5. Louisiana residents under 16 and over 60 may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.
- 6. Other than the license privileges provided herein, the fishing regulations of the state in which the fishing occurs shall control.

C. GENERAL

- 1. Proof of age must be in the form of a birth certificate, driver's license, or a military record which states age (or a photostatic copy of same).
- 2. This agreement applies only to sport fishing licenses, and does not apply to any sport fishing activities that require specific recreational gear licenses in either state (e.g. crab traps, crawfish traps, hoop nets, etc.).
- 3. This agreement supersedes the previous reciprocal agreements on recreational fishing licenses dated February 13, 1968 and September 27, 1984 including the undated amendment to the last-cited agreement.
- 4. This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after it has been rescinded in writing by either the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or their successors.
- 5. The effective date of this reciprocal agreement will be September 1, 1998.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

BY:

Andrew Sansom Executive Director

LOUISTANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BY:

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

Before going on, Commissioner Busbice asked Mr. Fontenot how the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery did this year. Mr. Fontenot stated he provided a copy of the production report and where the fish were stocked to Secretary Jenkins and would be glad to send one to each member. He then stated they were having real problems with the liners in the rearing ponds which significantly curtailed production. Staff has met with all parties involved to see who is responsible for the problem. The problem is water and air is getting under the liners and causing them to come up. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Fontenot to keep the Commission informed. Secretary Jenkins stated there was a very serious multi-million dollar problem at the hatchery. The liners from 70 of 72 ponds are being lifted from water beneath them. Other problems include pipes

rusting, valves leaking, and handles breaking off. Jenkins explained the process involved that Facility Planning went through to have the hatchery built. Department staff met with Facility Planning, contractors, sub-contractors, professional engineers, geotechnical and all the others involved and no one wanted to accept blame for the problems. Secretary Jenkins stated he recently sent a letter to Facility Planning asking them to get involved in this situation. After briefing the Governor on the problems, Secretary Jenkins was told the Governor would get Chairman Gattle asked if there are any warranties? Secretary Jenkins stated there are warranties. He then explained the major problem occurring with the water liners and the question to be answered is, where is the water coming from Commissioner McCall asked when were the failures first noticed? Mr. John Roussel stated the problems with the water liners has been there even before construction was completed and has been getting bigger and bigger. Stop gap measures have been attempted and none seem to have worked. Mr. Fontenot stated that as the problems arose, staff met with everyone involved and documented each occurrence.

Mrs. Wynnette Kees presented the next item, Adoption of Strategic Plan. Act 1465 of 1997 states the Commission meets the definition of an agency. This means the Commission must have their own Strategic Plan or adopt the Department's plan. After some discussions, Mrs. Kees stated it was decided the Commission would adopt the Department's Strategic Plan. The Therefore Be It Resolved portion of a Resolution to formally adopt the plan was read by Mrs. Kees. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no apposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISTANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on July 9, 1998.

WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 defined "agency" as any state office, department, board, commission, institution, division, et cetera, and

WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 requires that each department and agency of state government shall engage in the process of

strategic planning and shall produce a strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, the missions and goals of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are the same, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts as its strategic plan the strategic plan developed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 117 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 95 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 123 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 80 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 341 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 232 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 430 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 241 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 264 citations.

SWEP - 20 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 64 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 24 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 158 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,923.

The aviation report for June 1998 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 88.7 hours for enforcement and 6.1 hours for other divisions.

Chairman Gattle asked how many of the boating violations are attributable to jet skis? Major LaCaze stated it was probably a third. Chairman Gattle then asked if there have been any injury cases from jet skis? Major LaCaze stated there were none for this month. Commissioner Busbice asked to list the cities the regions are located in the Reports. Commissioner Babin stated he liked the new format and also asked the cities be listed.

Chairman Gattle then asked for a Division Report on the Natural Heritage Program. Mr. Gary Leater began stating there are over 900 species of vertebrate animals in Louisiana and about 86 percent are not hunted, fished or trapped and are the species they deal with. The Program has been around since 1984 and were one of only 44 programs in the United States. Now there are programs in every state, most Canadian Provinces and several South and Central Saving wildlife diversity, non-game and the America countries. status of these species is what pushes this program, stated Mr. Currently there are about 6,000 occurrences of rare, threatened or endangered species as well as unique species in Louisiana compiled into a database. This information is used to review permit applications to determine the effects of the projects on these species. Mr. Lester then showed several copies of publications put out by the Natural Heritage Program. There is a lot of public interest for these publications not only from those that hunt and fish, but those that do not hunt and fish. The Natural Heritage Program works with landowners to gain access to their property for inventory and to try to protect these areas. There are about 300 sites that represents unique areas for Louisiana in the database. Also, 2 areas were acquired for the Department and they included Tunica Hills WMA and Lake Ramsey-Savannah WMA. The main reason for the inventory is conservation of unique species and unique habitat throughout the State. Projects is involved in includes the Black Bear Conservation Committee, Association for Biodiversity Information, Reptile and Amphibian Task Force, Teaming with Wildlife, and Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Habitat Conservation Plan. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Lester if a permit was needed from his office to change the shape of the land to make sure it was free of endangered species? Mr. Lester stated they comment on proposed projects that are submitted to the Corps of Engineers. Then Chairman Gattle asked if the Corps of Engineers still issues the permits? Mr. Lester answered yes.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners decided to hold the November 1998 Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Robert Walker, a volunteer with Ducks Unlimited, stated there

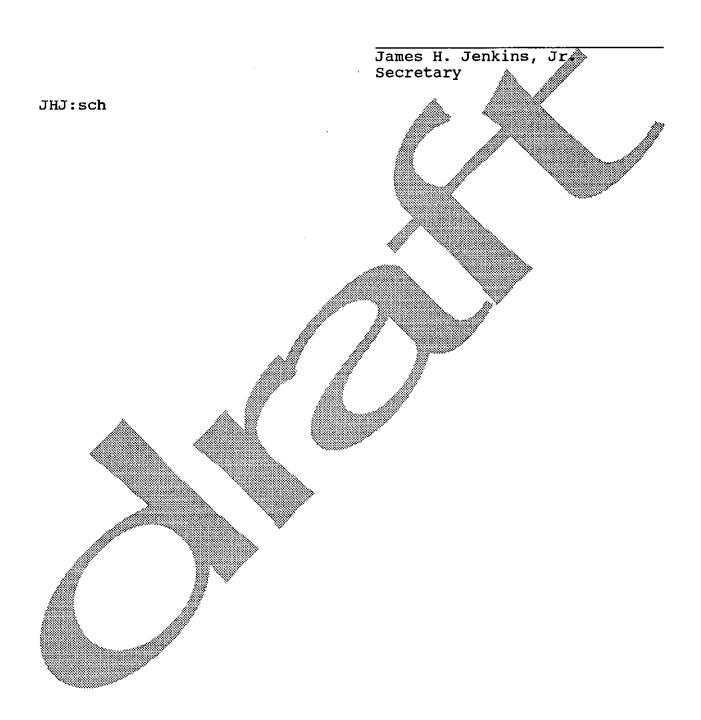
is a new license plate available with Ducks Unlimited logo on it. The money from these new license plates will go to the Department for use with wetlands. He then expressed thanks on behalf of Ducks Unlimited and the hunters for the 16 day teal season. Chairman Gattle asked what is the fee for a truck? Mr. Walker stated the basic fee is \$105 for a 4-year plate. Commissioner Busbice asked for a copy of the form needed to get a DU license plate.

Chairman Gattle asked Secretary Jenkins to give a brief overview on the budget. Secretary Jenkins stated the Department did fairly well, but there were some substantial cuts in some areas. Enforcement was cut \$1.4 million and 9 positions, Fisheries - 9 positions, Wildlife Division - 3 positions and Fur & Refuge F Mistakes were made by the Department in the 3 positions. information given Division of Administration and the Committee that listened to our hearing and there were mistakes made by Division of Administration in their interpretations. Attempts were made during the Session to amend the budget but the Department defeated them. Secretary Jenkins then stated he met with I Administration in an effort to fund "big ticket items". Division The budget does not allow a source of funds to replace equipment used by the State once it is worn out. Secretary Jenkins felt the agencies should put money aside to replace equipment as you go along. During this Legislative Session, Secretary Jenkins asked that an additional \$6 million dollars be put into the budget to start replacing equipment. After the Committee Hearings, only \$2 million was given which allowed the purchase of some of the "big ticket items". The Governor stated he would sit with Secretary Jenkins and the Commissioner of Administration and let the Secretary explain the problems and possibly find a solution. Concluding, Secretary Jenkins stated some of the mistakes made will be corrected and monies will be transferred to where it needs to be.

Commissioner Busbice asked Mr. Hugh Bateman if they were monitoring the drought situation for the wildlife? Mr. Bateman stated a News Release was put out generalizing some of the problems occurring with the drought. Commissioner Odom with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry stated the state would probably be declared a disaster area in terms of crop production. Additional stress is occurring on wildlife population. Another problem with the drought is vegetation will become very hard and unpalatable for animals that uses it for food. The same picture is going on with non-game species also. The length of the drought will ultimately determine how severe the damage is and what the Department will be dealing with.

Commissioner Babin made a motion to go into Executive Session on Jenkins et al. vs. Odom et al., 19th JDC. Commissioner Busbice seconded the motion. Mr. Joe Macaluso asked the reason for the Executive Session. A roll call vote was requested and it was unanimously approved to go into Executive Session.

Reconvening from Executive Session with no action taken and there being no further business, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall.



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Fish hatchery flawed

Extensive work needed at \$10.7 million facility

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Advocate outdoors writer

The state's new \$10.7 million Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery isn't living up to its advanced billing and needs extensive work to correct major flaws, Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Jimmy Jenkins said Thursday.

The 250-acre hatchery, two-years in the construction phase and dedicated in November, is near Woodworth on the banks of Indian Creek Reservoir in Rapides Parish.

Jenkins said the biggest problem is that 70 of the hatchery's 75 ponds are faulty in either construction or design and have severely curtailed Wildlife and Fisheries production of several freshwater species, mainly Florida-strain largemouth bass.

Those flaws were among a list of 23 deficiencies Jenkins noted in a June 26 letter to state Facility Planning and Control Director Roger Magendie.

"Each pond is lined with a rubber mat, and these mats are floating in the middle of most ponds in areas where the fingerlings are collected for restocking," Jenkins explained. "There is water under these rubber mats and it's severely reduced the production in the ponds."



Advocate Staff Photograph by Mark Saltz Bruce Smith of the Wildlife and Fisheries, Inland Fisheries Division, checks the liner to one of 55 ponds at **Booker Fowler Fish** Hatchery in Forest Hill Water trapped underneath the liner causes it to bulge upwards, creating problems for the fish.

State Inland Fisheries Division administrator Bennie Fontenot said this year's projection of 4 million Florida bass fingerlings fell far short, and that only 1.427 million fingerlings were produced in what was billed as an ultra-modern facility.

"That was about one-third as many as we needed for restocking projects in the state," Fontenot said.

During the project's planning phase in 1995, Inland Fisheries Assistant Administrator Arthur Williams said as many as 10 million fingerlings could be produced annually.

The facility has three, one-third-acre quarantine ponds, 15 quarter-acre broodstock ponds and 55 one-acre rearing ponds. There are also two sediment ponds, and 56 raceways that allow state biologists to spawn and raise several species at the same time. Also on site are egg incubation rooms and a spawning room.

Jenkins said other problems were handles breaking off valves, improperly installed or inadequate valves and water lines, rusting water lines, concrete failures, plumbing defects, leaky roofs and a non-functioning monitoring alarm system.

Ratcliff Construction of Alexandria was the general contractor and Professional Engineering Consultants of Baton Rouge was the engineering firm.

"We had a meeting with the designer, the (general) contractor, the geotechnical company and the major subcontractors and all we came away with was a finger-pointing session," Jenkins said. "It seems everyone associated with the project understands the magnitude of the problem, but no one will step up and take the blame."

Robert Ratcliff, president of Ratcliff Construction, said meetings have been held to determine the magnitude of the problem.

"We have examined the design and believe the situation will be worked out," Ratcliff said. "We have probably agreed on a few issues, and I feel confident that the engineering firm will examine all the options and questions and come up with any perceived problems with it (the hatchery)."

PCE officials did not return a phone call to their Baton Rouge office Thursday.

Jenkins said his department had some control over the design, but no control over the project's bid-letting or construction phases.

"That's the aggravating part of this picture. We didn't handle any of the contracts. That was done by Facility Planning. We have asked Facility Planning to get back into the picture. All they seem to be doing now is sitting back and taking notes. We need them (Facility Planning) to assess blame, get it fixed or we'll wind up in court."

Magendie said his office has not has sufficient time to react to the laundry list of problems Jenkins furnished Facility Planning in late June.

"I've got a meeting scheduled Monday, and we plan to call

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Secretary Jenkins and give him a plan of action. We will identify the cause and the solution to the problem so his personnel can get the hatchery back in full production," Magendie said.

Funding for the hatchery came from a congressional dire-emergency appropriation totaling \$30.4 million and handed out in the wake of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. The storm ravaged several Wildlife and Fisheries sites and decimated fish populations in the Atchafalaya Basin, the Lake Verret area and the Amite, Blind and Tickfaw rivers. The funds came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Sports Fish Restoration Fund

From that grant, Wildlife and Fisheries carved out \$10.7 million for hatchery construction and another \$1.5 million to cover operational expenses for the first five years. The balance of the grant is being used to study and implement a water management plan in the Atchafalaya Spillway.

Eight employees run the hatchery, with additional biological help coming from the LDWF's eight districts. Included on the staff are a biologist supervisor, six hatchery specialists and a secretary.

In addition to Florida-strain largemouth bass, other species expected to be produced at the hatchery included sac-a-lait, bluegill, red-ear sunfish (chinquapin), catfish and endangered species such as paddlefish and sturgeon.

Instead, brood fish from the hatchery have been transferred or stocked in state waters and most of the ponds have been drained.

The facility was named for Booker Fowler, a longtime state fisheries biologist who pioneered many of Louisiana's first efforts to raise fish.

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The Wild Side

Fish hatchery in sad condition

By JOE MACALUSO

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While most of us aren't in the business of handling millions of dollars, government -- local, state and federal agencies -- are, and when they mess up, it gives us writers a chance to find out just how easy it is to shoot fish in a barrel.

This situation with the almost brand-new \$10.7 million state fish hatchery in Woodworth defies description. The 250-acre facility was dedicated in November and it's already in deplorable condition.

The biggest gripe fisheries biologists have is that liners in 70 of the 75 ponds have water under them, a predicament that makes the ponds virtually unusable.

OK, somebody made a mistake. There was an error in design or installation. Fix it, an everybody's happy. Right?

Not me, and not Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr.

That's because there's more wrong than pond liners.

Valves used less than a year are breaking, or did not meet the standards Wildlife and Fisheries folks believe were in the bid specifications. Valve handles have broken off in the hands of the hatchery biologists. And, there's more.

Pipes are rusting. It appears there's a leaky roof in the hatchery office. Concrete is breaking, and those problems are just the start of a litany of woes identified by the LDWF.

If you or I were dealing with \$10.7 million for anything, wouldn't you think it would be wise to monitor where that money was going, and if we were getting what we were paying for, getting enough for our money?

Apparently that little bit of common sense failed to take root for this project.

Facility Planning and Control, an office in the Division of Administration, hired the contractor and engineering firm.

Apparently that process went according to law, but Jenkins said he couldn't seem to find any documentation or evidence that a state

building inspector ever visited the site.

What?

Jenkins said a firm was hired to observe the work being done. He said he discovered that the firm, Pan American Engineers, was paid \$4,000 a week to, in his words, "É show up and keep a diary of what happened that day at the site. From what I was told, they (Pan American) had no power to halt construction if there was a problem."

What?

Let's get this right, show up five days a week at \$800 a day for one year -- that's all Pan American was hired for even though the construction went longer than a year -- and keep a diary. For all this work, we'll have the state cut us a check for \$208,000.

That sure beats the heck out of outdoors writer's pay and leads me to believe that I missed my calling. You, too.

OK, so another mistake was made.

Fix it. Fix it now!

Once again, this is another example of government thinking the money used for a project is THEIR money.

It's not. It's OUR money, and somewhere in the playing out of this game of high finance, someone with some common sense should have been watching OUR money. Some of the federal money used for the hatchery came from the Sport Fish Restoration Fund, which gets its money from taxes on fishing equipment you and I buy.

This project was supposed to give Louisiana something of which to be proud, a first-rate, ultra-modern hatchery facility to take us well into the 21st Century.

Instead, we're feeling the pinch of an inept 20th-Century government, something we have a lot of already.

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Fishery woes

Anglers, officials upset by problems at hatchery

By JOE MACALUSO

Advocate outdoors writer

Will Courtney is not a happy man.

For years, the Baton Rouge fisherman, along with hundreds of others in the Capital City area, volunteered time and talent to the Louisiana Fish Hatchery.

LBH began with the dream of Ascension and East Baton Rouge bass anglers who raised money for a private hatchery, a project they believed would restock bass and other freshwater gamefish in the most popular fishing holes, places like the Atchafalaya Spillway, Lake Verret and Belle River.



Advocate photo by Joe Macaluso

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries fish specialist Jimmy Sanders, foreground, releases one of 40 large blue catfish into University Lake on Thursday as Todd Garcia turns loose another. Another 20 were freed in City Park Lake. The catfish weighed between 15-25 pounds and came from stock at the state's Booker Fowler Hatchery near Woodworth.

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Morrison, biologist

LBH grew far beyond those two parishes until 1992, when Hurricane Andrew decimated fish stocks in the Atchafalaya and Lake Verret area and the group offered to help the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

From that tragedy -- fisheries biologists estimated 175 million fish were killed in Andrew's aftermath -- came the idea that the federal government could help solve the problem, not just in the Spillway and Lake Verret, but around the state.

After years of planting the seed, the idea for a new fish hatchery finally took root.

Five years and \$10.7 million later (the funds came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Sport Fish Restoration Fund), Courtney and dozens of folks showed up last November for the dedication of the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery.

"I was so excited about the project that I drove up there during the construction, was at the groundbreaking (1994) and the dedication,"

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> Morrison, biologist Fowler Hatchery personnel Jimmy Humphries and Virginia Perry monitor water temperature and the fish's overall health in the trailered tank in the dejected tones. background. Other brood-stock catfish were released in Chatham Lake and Monroe.

Andre LaFosse and Courtney said. "I thought what I was seeing was a state-of-the-art design. I thought everything was going to be OK."

> Today, after reading about major problems at the hatchery -- Wildlife and Fisheries officials are talking about design and/or construction faults -- Courtney talks about the project in

"It's horrible, really disheartening," Courtney said. "It's a blow to sport fishermen. The Bass Hatchery went defunct because there was no need for us to continue raising money. This

hatchery was supposed to carry the load for everything, for everyone in the state."

Since June 1, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. has been trying to find out why the hatchery fell far short of production goals. State fisheries biologists had billed the project as an ultra-modern facility capable of producing as many as 10 million fingerlings annually. Species like Florida-strain largemouth bass, sac-a-lait, bluegill, catfish and endangered species like paddlefish and sturgeon were on the hatchery's list.

Inland Fisheries Division administrator Bennie Fontenot said only 1.427 million Florida bass fingerlings were produced this year, and that catfish spawned at the hatchery had to be released in state waters as fry instead of being able to be grown to fingerling stage.

Fry are only days-old fish and generally smaller than one-half inch long. In a normal fish-raising scenario, fry are moved to rearing ponds, enclosed areas in which water, temperature and available food sources are monitored. These ponds allow the fish to reach lengths generally between 2-4 inches, a stage when they're considered to be fingerlings and capable of greater survival rates when released into natural waterways and reservoirs.

Jenkins said floating rubber linings in ponds contributed to the poor production and eventual draining of the rearing ponds. But, problems with the linings made up a small part of a 23-item list Jenkins said the LDWF staff have identified at the hatchery.

Jenkins said a June meeting among the general contractor, Ratcliff Construction of Alexandria; the design engineers, Professional Engineering Consultants of Baton Rouge; and, other consultants and sub-contractors produced little, if any, results.

"It seems everyone associated with the project understands the magnitude of the problem, but no one will step up and take the blame," he said.

What befuddles Jenkins is the lack of state inspection during the hatchery's construction phase. He said Wildlife and Fisheries had some input during the design phase but no control over contracts, bid-letting, construction or inspection.

"All that is handled by the Office of Facility Planning (and Control). I found out that they paid Pan American Engineers \$4,000 a week to serve as an observer over the project, but that company didn't have any power to stop construction if there was a problem All I was told was that they observed construction and kept a diary of work done," Jenkins said.

"I've been in construction all my life," Jenkins continued. "I've never been involved in a state project in which there were no inspectors. I've had highway construction jobs when the state inspectors outnumbered the number of my employees on the job."

Jenkins said the contract with Pan American apparently ran out in one year, and he said he found no indication any inspection was done at the hatchery site in the last months of construction.

He said Facility Planning needs to step in to take control, assess blame and come up with a workable plan to get the hatchery back on line.

Facility Planning director Roger Magendie said his staff has been working on the problems and that a Monday meeting should give Jenkins some answers.

Jenkins said staff reports indicate 70 or the 75 ponds at the hatchery have problems. The facility has three one-third acre quarantine ponds, 15 quarter-acre broodstock ponds, 55 one-acre rearing ponds and 2 sediment ponds along with 56 raceways, an office, an egg incubation rooms and a spawning room. Most, though not all, of the 55 rearing ponds have been drained and are unusable.

"The floating rubber liners created islands in the ponds and allowed birds to fly onto them and start feeding on the small fish," Jenkins said. "And, when the workers drained the ponds to collect the fingerlings, the process took so long, again because of the floating liners, that the water got too hot and the hot water killed some fingerlings."

All that analysis is lost on Courtney, who said another hurricane could be a knockdown blow for fishermen.

"With all these problems, we're right back where we were before we had the new hatchery, maybe even worse," he said. "We don't Fishery woes Page 4 of 5

even the same capability of producing fish now as we had before (Hurricane) Andrew. We spent \$10 million and we still don't have fish "

Deficiencies

In a June 4 letter to contractors, subcontractors, engineers and consultants involved in the planning and construction of the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries outlined a list of deficiencies and problems.

The list included:

- · Erosion in settling ponds.
- Unacceptable condition of pond liners.
- Water under pond liners.
- Ballooning of pond liners.
- No effort to correct depth of anchor trenches (trenches that anchor the pond liners to the sides of the ponds.) "Most of the trenches are not 18 inches deep as per the specification," the letter read.
- Attachment of the liners along the edged of the kettles continues to fail. (Kettles are the collection areas at the end of the ponds.
- They are concrete structures that allow recovery of fish fingerlings for restocking).
- Concrete along the edge of the catch basin is in an unacceptable condition.
- Kettles and steps into the ponds are separating. LDWF secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. said specifications indicated the kettles and steps were to be poured in one unit, but had been poured in separate units.
- The possibility of alteration of the bottoms of the ponds, a condition that would create problems in draining of the ponds.
- Concrete failure in steps leading into ponds.
- Design defect in placement and installation of 36-inch water valve.
- Defective plumbing in the hatchery's recirculating water system.
- Defective valve handles.
- Exposed painted metal pipes are putting with rust.
- Butterfly valves leaking or of inadequate size.
- Exposed painted woodwork peeling and showing cracks.
- Evidence of leaky roof in hatchery's office building.
- Water stands on floor of egg exam room.
- Monitoring alarm system not working properly.
- Inoperable ozonators in hatchery building and Visitor Center.
- Improper design in air conditioning of life-support area in

the Visitor Center.

• Failure of asphalt paving and subsequent repair deemed unsatisfactory.

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RESOLUTION LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 9, 1998.

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Garlle Jr., Chairman

La. Wildlife and Risheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Secretary, La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1998 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby amends its regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department-operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. Authority to establish regulations is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1998-99 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24: (July 1998).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1998-99

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half

hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
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Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Season Recommendations

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
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3	Sept.19- Jan.19	Oct. 5-Oct. 9 Dec. 12-Dec. 18	Oct. 10-Dec.6 Dec. 19-Jan.3	
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5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10 (Bucks Only)	Nov.21-Nov.29	
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic	Season	Dates	Total	Exceptions	(Those	portions	of	the
				Days	foll	lowing p	parishes)		

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

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James P. Hadley, Jr. Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary) Act 1031 of 1992 (LA. R.S. 11:883.1) established the Employee Experience Account from which Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) may provide periodic cost-of-living adjustments to all eligible retirees and to beneficiaries and survivors of retirees or members. As of June 30, 1997, the Employees Experience Account had on deposit \$435,807,655. Effective July 1, 1998, the TRSL Board of Trustees will provide the second cost-of-living adjustment from the Employee Experience Account. No increase in benefits will be paid to any retiree, beneficiary, or survivor unless such person was receiving benefits from TRSL on or prior to June 30, 1997. The monthly adjustment to be granted eligible recipients will be based upon the formula \$10.00 + W + 2X + Y + 2Z, where:

- W = \$1.00 per year since retirement or death of the member or retiree to June 30, 1997;
- X = \$1.00 per year since retirement or death of the member or retiree in excess of 10 years as of June 30, 1997;
- Y = \$1.00 per year of credited service at the time of retirement or death of the member or retiree;
- Z = \$1.00 per year of credited service greater than 25.0 years at the time of retirement or death of the member or retiree.

It is estimated by TRSL that this benefit adjustment will cost approximately \$28.0 million the first year of implementation and will be provided to approximately 40,700 retirees, beneficiaries and survivors of deceased members. The actuarial cost for providing this benefit adjustment for all eligible recipients and their beneficiaries for the remainder of their lives is estimated to be \$212,395,677. Administrative costs associated with the provision of this benefit increase are minimal and will create no implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no direct effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of this policy. Retirement benefits provided by a state public pension plan are exempt from Louisiana personal income tax; however, additional income being provided in the form of retirement benefits may be recycled into the Louisiana economy.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is estimated by TRSL that eligible recipients, on the average, will receive a 5.0 percent increase in benefits. The actual increase for each eligible recipient will be dependent upon the individual recipient's circumstances.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There will be no effect on competition and employment as a result of this policy.

James P. Hadley, Jr. Director

9803#013

Richard W. England Assistant to the Legislative Fiscal Officer

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Resident Game Hunting Season—1998-99 (LAC 76:XIX.101 and 103)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES Part XIX. Hunting

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Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 22, 1998 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Resident Game Hunting Season—1998-99

ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary) Establishment of hunting regulations is an annual process. The cost of implementing the proposed rules, aside from staff time, is the production of the regulation pamphlet. Cost of printing the 1997-98 state hunting pamphlet was \$13,650 and no major increase in expenditures is anticipated. Local governmental units will not be impacted.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Projected hunting license fee collections are between \$4 million and \$5 million annually. Additionally, hunting and related activities generate approximately \$25 million in state sales tax and \$5.6 million in state income tax (Southwick and Associates, 1997). Failure to adopt rule changes would result in no hunting season being established and a potential loss of some of these revenues.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS
TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR
NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Hunting in Louisiana generates in excess of \$596,000,000 annually through the sale of outdoor-related equipment, associated items and other economic benefits. Figures are based on the national surveys by Southwick and Associates for the IAFWA.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Hunting in Louisiana provides 15,271 jobs (Southwick and Associates, 1997). Not establishing hunting seasons might have a negative and direct impact on these jobs.

Ronald G. Couvillion Undersecretary 9803#035

Richard W. England Assistant to the Legislative Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTION LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on July 9, 1998.

WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 defined "agency" as any state office, department, board, commission, institution, division, et cetera, and

WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 requires that each department and agency of state government shall engage in the process of strategic planning and shall produce a strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, the missions and goals of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are the same, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts as its strategic plan the strategic plan developed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Pisheries Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES 1999 - 2003 STRATEGIC PLAN

FOREWORD

The aquatic, wildlife, and water resources of Louisiana are substantial. Hundreds of thousands of citizens depend on these resources for recreation, for livelihood, and as a source of nourishment. The resources are actively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and they contribute significantly to the standard of living of the state's residents and economic health of the state. The total value of the economic impact of recreational and commercial resource activities upon the state exceeds \$8 billion annually. This includes retail sales, jobs, and tax revenues.

According to the constitution of the state and statutes, the Department is vested with control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life, and is authorized to execute the laws enacted for the control and supervision of programs relating to the management, protection, conservation, and replenishment of wildlife, fish, and aquatic life, and the regulation of the shipping of wildlife, fish, furs, and skins.

The Department is organized into four appropriated budget units (offices): Secretary, Management and Finance, Wildlife, and Fisheries. The Office of Secretary is comprised of four programs: Administration, Enforcement, Information and Education, and Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. The Wildlife Program includes the Wildlife Division and the Fur and Refuge Division. The Natural Heritage Section and the Fur and Alligator Council are sections within the Fur and Refuge Division. The Fisheries Program is comprised of the Inland Fish Division and the Marine Fish Division.

The Department initiated its strategic planning process in February, 1998. The functions of coordination, facilitation, and compilation were performed by staff within the Office of Management and Finance. All levels of program staff were involved in the process, from administrators to technical employees. A list of key persons responsible for development and final product is included in this report.

While this plan meets the minimum requirements of Act 1465, the Department believes that continued development and further refinement will be beneficial and will result in a more cohesive plan that will be used to give future direction programmatically and financially.

The plans for the Administration and Management and Finance programs do not contain all required components of a strategic plan. It was very difficult to make the administrative and support service functions fit the established criteria, and the Department is hopeful that a statewide concensus will resolve the problems in these areas.

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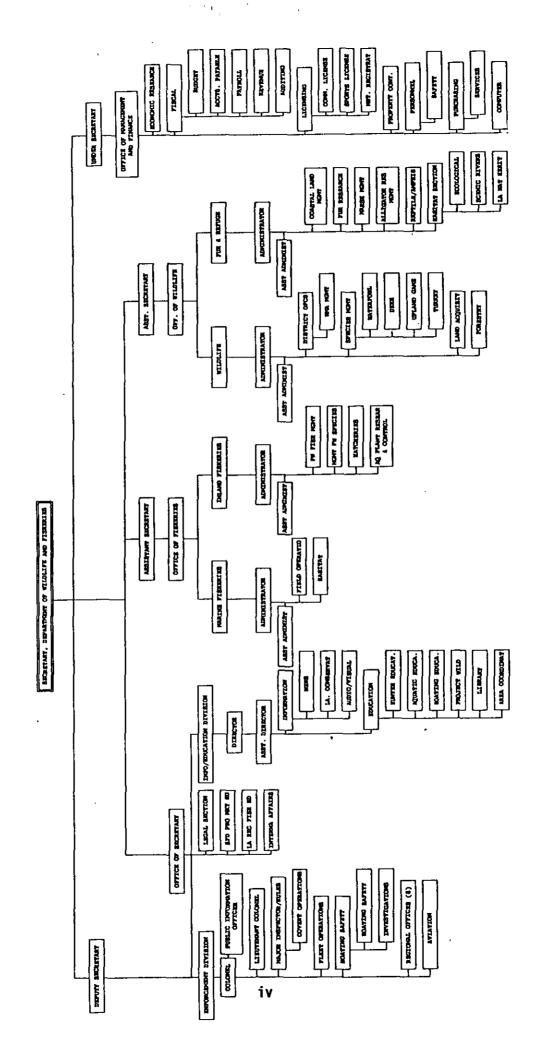
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LA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES 1998 STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION

The Department's mission is to manage, conserve, and promote wise utilization of Louisiana's renewable fish and wildlife resources and their supporting habitats through replenishment, protection, enhancement, research, development, and education; to provide opportunities for knowledge of and for the use and enjoyment of the resources placed under the stewardship of the Department; and to provide a safe environment for the users of these resources.

VISION

Louisiana will be the premier state for wildlife and fisheries resource management by providing maximum and sustainable opportunities for all users of the resources, both consumptive and non-consumptive. There will be recognition of and confidence in the management abilities of the Department.

PHILOSOPHY

The Department's mission will be accomplished in a fair and equitable fashion using science-based information, open communication, and collaboration. The policies and actions of the Department shall be developed and implemented so as to encourage teamwork among its employees and to promote the public's trust and respect.

GOALS

- 1. Optimize long and short-term recreational-and-commercial-use opportunities by
 - a. Establishing technically sound research, management, development and monitoring programs for the wildlife and aquatic resources and their habitats
 - b. Enforcing compliance with fish and wildlife laws
 - c. Informing and educating the public about resource issues and management strategies
- 2. Create an environment within the Department that is conducive to employee productivity through
 - a. Training
 - b. Paperwork reduction
 - c. Provision of adequate resources and equipment
 - d. Establishing parity with other agencies relative to pay levels
- 3. Establish a stable funding plan for the Department so that we are able to sufficiently and effectively accomplish our mission and meet our goals and mandates.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

<u>PROGRAM</u>	GOALS	OBJECTIVES
Enforcement	 Ensure that fish and wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future Provide a safer boating, fishing, hunting environment for maximum conservation and enjoyment of the state's waterways, fish and wildlife Increase stakeholder satisfaction 	 No fish or wildlife species will become threatened or endangered due to insufficient enforcement Increase hunters and fishermen checked for compliance to rules and regulations Reduce boating accidents Reduce hunting accidents Increase number of boating education courses Increase health-related oyster inspections Increase number of public contacts Increase level of stakeholder satisfaction Coordinate efforts with Operation Game Thief to increase number of investigations
wildlife ri	 Increased stakeholder satisfaction with technical assistance, accessibility, opportunities, and experiences in using wildlife resources Ensure slower rate of adverse alteration or loss of wildlife habitat Ensure that wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future 	 Provide 6.9 million user-days of outdoor activities Increase acreage in WMA and Refuge systems Provide 1.2 million user-days on the WMA/Refuge systems Assure no net loss of regulated wetlands and other habitat Improve acres of habitat on WMA and Refuge system Develop plans for managing and recovery of RTE's and other non-game species
Fisheries	 Ensure that aquatic resource populations will be sustainable in the present and future Increase stakeholder satisfaction in the management of the resources 	 Prepare management plans for major marine species Develop lake management plans for all public freshwater lakes over 4,000 acres Develop recovery plans for T/E fish species Ensure that aquacultural activities result in no adverse effects upon native fish

Increase recreational stakeholder satisfaction in the quality fishing experience
 Increase commercial stakeholder satisfaction in management program

fish populations

7. Increase number of boating access and development projects

8. Establish maintenance control of nuisance aquatic plants 9. Provide technical assistance to lake/pond owners

10. Stock state waters

INTERNAL FACTORS

(ELEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S POSITION, PERFORMANCE, PROBLEMS, AND POTENTIAL WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES)

1. Employees

Tenure, education, training, and experience of managers
Attitude, morale
Promotional opportunities
Methods for rewards/discipline
Length of service of top administrators
Continuing education/training
Responsiveness to change
Trust in planning process
Involvement in decision-making processes
Parity in pay with other agencies

2. Management

Continuity of direction
Skills of supervisors and managers
Support for planning process
Turnover every 4 years
Ability to inspire loyalty and trust

3. Organization/Other

Continuity of core programs
Continuity of direction
Intra departmental cooperation, communication
Enabling legislation and subsequent legislative mandates
Administrative paperwork and processes
Condition of capital assets/physical plant
Functional and organizational structure

EXTERNAL FACTORS

(ELEMENTS, OR FORCES WHICH INFLUENCE THE ORGANIZATION'S ENVIRONMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS)

1. Finances

Financial status of state government Economy of state

2. Constituents

Level of knowledge

Trust, support

Demographics

Attitude

Compatibility (conflicting wants/needs)

Special interest groups

Number of persons/groups impacted

3. Administration

DOA policies/requirements/budget process (rule/govern by "exception")

4. Other

Weather conditions

Technology

Educated/experienced applicant pool

Balanced, productive ecosystem

5. Politics

Climate

Support

Cooperation among agencies/partnerships

Laws

OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES

- 1. Need for recodification of statutes relative to
 - a. organization
 - b. clarification of roles of the Commission vs. the Department
 - c. clarification of program responsibilities
 - 2. Public use of Department-owned/managed lands (road maintenance, etc.)
 - 3. Future funding for land acquisition
 - 4. Difficulties in raising license fees
 - 5. Lack of funding for adequate control of aquatic weeds

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

administration manage or supervise the execution, use or conduct of

collaboration work jointly with others; cooperate

conservation careful preservation and protection

control exercise restraining or directing influence over; regulate

create bring into existence; invent; bring about by action or behavior

development promote the growth of; make available or usable

direction guidance or supervision; management; authoritative instruction

educate develop mentally or morally by instruction; provide knowledge and development

enforce strengthen; gain or effect by force; carry out effectively

enhance make greater as in value, desirability, or attractiveness

enjoy take pleasure; have for one's use

enjoyment possession and use; gives keen satisfaction

maintain keep in existing state; preserve; defend; sustain; affirm; support

manage direct with skill; treat with care; after by manipulation

operate run or control the functioning of; conduct the affairs of; manage

opportunity favorable juncture of circumstances; change for progress or advancement

optimize make as perfect, effective, or functional as possible

premier number one

promote contribute to the growth or prosperity of; help bring into being

protect shield from injury or destruction; guard; defend; save from loss

regulate govern or direct according to rule; bring order, method or uniformity to

renewable capable of being replace by natural ecological cycles or sound mgmt practices

replenish stock; nourish; build up again; replace

research careful or diligent search; studious inquiry or examination

stewardship responsibility for management with regard for the rights of others

supervision critical watching and directing; oversight

sustain support, nourish, prolong

utilization practical use or account

KEY CONTACT PERSONS

(July, 1998)

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512 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY PROGRAM A - ADMINISTRATION

MISSION: The Administration Program is composed of the offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Legal, and Investigators. The mission of the Administration Program is provide executive leadership and legal services to all other programs and organizations within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

GOALS:

- I. To ensure that the missions, goals, and objectives of the programs within the Department are consistent with legislative intent and legal authority
- II. To provide policy-making and decision-making functions which enable programs to accomplish the Department's mission of conservation
- III. To provide executive direction for the Enforcement and Information and Education Programs
- IV. To provide advice, counsel, and legal opinion to the Commission, the Secretary and his assistants, and to other units of the Department
- V. Ensure improved stakeholder satisfaction with the services provided by the Department
- VI. Ensure efficient and effective use of assets and resources by the programs within the Department

511 - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE PROGRAM A - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

MISSION: The Office of Management and Finance (OMF) is an organization of professional employees whose mission is to provide leadership, support, and information to meet the operational, functional, research, and administrative needs of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Regulatory and support functions are provided in the areas of: finance, budget, planning, contract management, information systems, human resources, property and fleet management, socioeconomics, and procurement. The OMF program also administers the recreational and commercial license program, the motorboat registration program, and the "Clean Vessel Act" program. Clients served are the public, Department staff, other government agencies, the legislature, and private entities.

GOALS:

- I. Improve internal controls and compliance with all legal, financial, and operational requirements
- II. Employ more sound management, financial, and human resource practices
- III. Maximize employee productivity department-wide and assure a quality workforce
- IV. Satisfy socioeconomic research needs of program staff
- V. Cleaner and safer state waters

OBJECTIVES

- **I.1.** Establish an internal audit function/section by 2000-2001.
- **I.2.** Resolve all audit findings and implement corrective action timely
- **I.3.** Enforce Performance Planning and Rating Program to ensure 95% department-wide participation by 1999.
- II.1. Develop and conduct user surveys on clients including department personnel, vendors, license purchasers, and boat owners, doing one group per year.
- II.2. Develop and implement an annual Customer Service Plan in accordance with Executive Order No. 97-39 by November 1 of each year.

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Review and update one third of all position descriptions annually (re changes in II.3. duties, defining essential and non-essential functions within each job, and identifying physical requirements of each job) II.4. Develop and implement an adequate inventory system and improve supply distribution in the Services Section by 2000. II.5. Implement an automated sports license system by 2000. II.6. Reduce on-the-job injury incidents by 15% by 6/03. II.7. Prepare Cash Management Plan by 2000 (includes deposits, classifications, Bond/Crime Program, collections by various) II.8. Develop Record Retention Plan for department by 2002. II.9. Reduce hard-copy documentation re procurement, payments, and other workflow functions (to electronic) (strategy would be implement on-line approvals by 2003) III.1. Identify training needs in all areas by _____ And design plan by _____ **III.2.** Develop employee recognition policy by June, 1999 III.3. Develop career ladder to attract and maintain quality workforce (some strategies would be: create training series, ensure appropriate allocations, task forces, identify inequities, compare market data) III.4. Increase workforce diversity from 5% to 6% by ______ (Strategies - internships and recruitment) IV.1. Conduct economic analysis of offshore shrimp fleet which fishes off the coast of Jefferson, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes for the Office of Fisheries by 2002. IV.2. Conduct impact damage assessment of drum fish feeding on private seed oyster grounds by 2000 for the Office of Fisheries. IV.3. Prepare and publish statistical report on the number of commercial fishing licenses issued during the period 1989 through 1997 by 1999. Increase the number and use of boat sewage pump-out and dump-out facilities by V.1.

25% by 2001

MISSION:

the mission of the Enforcement Program is to protect Louisiana's fish and wildlife resources and their habitats by enforcing related laws and regulations and to create a secure environment for the maximum enjoyment of hunting, fishing, recreational boating and affiliated outdoor activities. The clients served by this program are the citizens of the state. The program works to promote voluntary compliance and ethical participation in these activities through education, and through firm, fair, and impartial law enforcement.

GOALS:

- I. Ensure that fish and wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future
- II. Provide a safer boating, fishing and hunting environment for maximum conservation and enjoyment of the state's waterways, fish and wildlife
- III. Increase stakeholder satisfaction

OBJECTIVE I.1.

By June 30, 2003, no fish or wildlife species will become threatened or endangered due to insufficient enforcement.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- I.1.2. Provide concentrated enforcement efforts in areas where increased illegal activity occur and areas with high use
- I.1.3. Provide additional overtime hours when special seasons open

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Outputs Number of field patrol hours

Number of public contacts

Outcome No change in fish or wildlife population status due to lack of

enforcement

Efficiency No change in fish or wildlife population status due to lack of

enforcement

OBJECTIVE I.2.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase hunters and fisher-persons checked for compliance to rules and regulations by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

I.2.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities

I.2.2. Provide concentrated enforcement efforts in areas where increased illegal activity occur and areas with high use

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of licensed hunters

Number of licensed recreational fisher-persons Number of licensed commercial fisher-persons

Outputs Number of field patrol hours

Number of checked hunters

Number of checked fisher-persons Number of non-compliant hunters

Number of non-compliant fisher-persons

Number of public contacts

Outcome Percentage change in non-compliance

Efficiency Percentage change in non-compliance per number of licensed

hunters

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of licensed

recreational fisher-persons

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of licensed commercial fisher-persons

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of hunters checked

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of fisherpersons checked

OBJECTIVE 11.1.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will reduce boating accidents in the state by 2%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways
- II.1.2. Identify the geographic locations with high use for boating activity
- II.1.3. Distribute adequate manpower and equipment resources to provide effective enforcement in these areas
- II.1.4. Develop a statewide public boating safety educational program that offers a minimum of one class monthly in each of the 9 regional offices
- II.1.5. Develop a survey to poll boaters and their perception of safety
- II.1.6. Develop legislation to assist with increasing safety efforts(Ex. Developing legislation that makes it mandatory to have a course in boating education)
- II.1.7. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer boating

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Registered Boats

Number of Boating Safety Education Courses

Number of Boat Patrol Hours

Outputs Number of Boating Accidents

Outcome Percentage change in Boating Accidents

Efficiency Percentage change in Boating Accidents per Number of Patrol

Hours

Percentage change in Boating Accidents per Number of Registered Boats

OBJECTIVE 11.2.

II.2. By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will reduce hunting accidents by 2%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.2.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- II.2.2. Identify the geographic locations with high use for hunting activity
- II.2.3. Distribute adequate manpower and equipment resources to provide effective enforcement in these areas
- II.2.4. Develop a survey to poll hunters and their perception of safety
- II.2.5. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer hunting environments
- II.2.6. Track the hunter safety program within this department and make recommendations for changes
- II.2.7. Track the percentage of non-compliant deer hunters with respect to hunter orange

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Licensed Hunters

Number of Hunter Education Courses

Number of Students Enrolled in Hunter Education Courses

Number of Field Patrol Hours

Outputs Number of hunting Accidents

Number students Completing the Hunting Education Course Number of citations issued for violation of hunter orange laws

Number of hunting Related Public Contacts

Outcome Percentage change in Hunting Accidents

Efficiency Percentage change in Hunting Accidents per Number of Field

Patrol hours

Percentage change in Hunting Accidents per Number of Licensed

Hunters

OBJECTIVE 11.3.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase the number of boating education courses by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

II.3.1. Develop a statewide public boating safety educational program that offers a minimum of one class monthly in each of the 9 regional offices

II.3.2. Develop a survey to poll students attending the boating safety course

II.3.3. Develop legislation to assist with increasing safety efforts

(Ex. Developing legislation that makes it mandatory to have a course in boating education)

II.3.4. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer boating

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of boating safety education courses

Number of boating safety courses

Number of boating safety education trainers courses Number of students enrolled in the boating safety course

Outputs Number of students completing the boating education course

Number of students completing the boating education trainers

course

Number of students enrolled in the boating safety course

Outcome Percentage change in Boating Courses

Percentage change in Passage Rate of Boating Education

Students

Efficiency Percentage change in Boating Courses

OBJECTIVE 11.4.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase health related oyster inspections by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.4.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence in areas where oyster harvesting is located
- II.4.2. Identify the geographic locations with high use for oyster activity
- II.4.3. Distribute adequate manpower and equipment resources to provide effective enforcement in these areas
- II.4.4. Develop a survey to poll oyster harvesters/dealers/transporters and their perception of safe handling techniques
- II.4.5. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer oyster harvesting environments
- II.4.6. Continue collaborative efforts with other agencies and department personnel to promote safety

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Commercial Oyster Harvesters Licenses Number of Recreational Oyster Harvesters Licenses

Output Number of health related oyster inspections conducted

Number of health related oyster citations

Number of sacks seized due to health violations

Outcome Percentage change in health related oyster inspections

Number of reported incidence of Louisiana Oysters causing

illness

Efficiency Percentage change in health related oyster inspections

Percentage change in health related oyster inspections per

Number of Commercial Oyster Harvester Licenses

Percentage change in health related oyster inspections per Number of Recreational Oyster Harvester Licenses

OBJECTIVE 111.1.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase the number of public contacts by 5%.

STRATEGIES:

- III.3.1 Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- III.3.2 Develop a survey to poll licensed fish-persons and hunters perceived views of wildlife law enforcement officers and response time to complaints
- III.3.3 Develop a web-site to make available information involving the Enforcement Program
- III.3.4 Meet quarterly with Operation Game Thief
- III.3.5 Provide a reporting system to track all of Communication section's public contact

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Boating Safety Courses

Output Number of Students Completing the Boating Education Course

Number of News Releases Number of Public Contacts Number of Surveys Received

Number of Community Related Activities in which Enforcement

was a Participant

Outcome Percentage change in Public Contacts

Efficiency Percentage change of Public Contacts per number of Field

Patrol Hours

OBJECTIVE 111.2.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase level of stakeholder satisfaction by 5%.

STRATEGIES:

- III.2.1 Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- III.2.2 Develop a survey to poll licensed fish-persons and hunters perceived views of wildlife law enforcement officers and response time to complaints
- III.2.3 Conduct meetings with fisheries and wildlife stakeholders to draft potential legislation to simplify regulations
- III.2.4 Develop a web-site to make available information involving the Enforcement Program
- III.2.5 Develop and implement a warning citation system to educate stakeholders on certain minor violations as opposed to levying fines
- III.2.7 Meet quarterly with Operation Game Thief (OGT)
- III.2.8 Provide and maintain support of technological advancements to increase efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement operations

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Output Number of survey responses received

Outcome Percentage change in stakeholder satisfaction

Efficiency Percentage change in stakeholder satisfaction

OBJECTIVE 111.3.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will coordinate efforts with Operation Game Thief (OGT) to increase the number of OGT investigations by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

- III.3.1 Develop a web-site to make available information involving the Enforcement Program and Operation Game Thief
- III.3.2 Meet quarterly with Operation Game Thief
- III.3.3 Provide and maintain support of technological advancements to increase efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement operations and investigations

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of OGT pamphlets, No Poaching Poster Signs and No

Poaching Bumper Stickers

Output Number of OGT cases investigated

Number of OGT complaints received

Number of OGT pamphlets, No Poaching Poster Signs and No

Poaching Bumper Stickers Distributed

Outcome Percentage change in OGT cases

Efficiency Percentage change in OGT cases

512 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY PROGRAM C - INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

MISSION: The mission of the Information and Education Division is to inform and educate the public about our wildlife resources and their habitats in order that they become more knowledgeable, more responsible stewards and better able to enjoy the benefits of the resource, and to promote sustainable resource populations for the present and future.

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GOALS:

- I. Through the efforts of the Information and Education staff, there will be increased public awareness, participation and appreciation regarding wildlife and aquatic resources and regarding the function of this department in the management of those resources.
- II. To create a safe hunting environment.

OBJECTIVE I.1.

To increase adult-and-youth public participation in educational programs and activities by 1 % within 5 years.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Increase participation in camps and workshops.
- I.1.2. Conduct tours and educational presentations to youth and adult groups at Department facilities.
- I.1.3. Link our programs to the Education Department Science curriculum standards.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Number of hours of instructional time

Output Number of participants by type of event

Outcome Percentage increase of participation over previous year

Efficiency Ratio of instruction hours to participants

OBJECTIVE I.2.

To increase the level of knowledge by the general public by 1 % within 5 years.

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STRATEGIES:

- I.2.1. Increase magazine circulation
- I.2.2. Promote more use of audio-visual library products and services
- I.2.3. Distribute news package on a regular basis.
- I.2.4. Utilize department staff in topic development
- I.2.5. Link the DWF homepage to Internet sites
- I.2.6. Conduct surveys
- I.2.7. Increase funding.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input

Population of LA

Budget

Output

Magazine distributed

Visitors/users of library Number news units*

Number of hits to web page

Outcome

Percent increase in knowledge (results of survey)

Efficiency

Total number of outputs in relation to budget

OBJECTIVE II.1.

To keep the hunter accident ratio(HAR)* below the level** prior to mandatory hunter education.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1. Increase number of volunteer instructors
- II.1.2. Provide advanced, in-service training for all instructors

*HAR: Number of hunting accidents/100,000 licenses sold.

**Level: 5 year average

^{*(}News Units are defined as an individual news or informational topic distributed to the public or media.)

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Number of volunteer instructors active

Number of licensed hunters in LA

Budget

Outputs Number participants

Number of courses

Outcome HAR*

Efficiency Cost per participant

Participants per instructor

512 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY PROGRAM D - SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD

MISSION: The Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board was created under authority of R.S. 56:578 et seq to address concerns about the declining economic environment of the commercial fishing industry in Louisiana. The Board's mission is to aid the commercial fishing industry through product promotion and marketing development. It serves commercial fishermen and wholesale and retail dealers by providing a coordinated marketing function and by conducting activities with the purposes of enhancing the public image of commercial fishery products, promoting consumption of these products, and assisting the seafood industry in market development.

GOAL:

I. Through the efforts of the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, there will be an increase in the contribution of the commercial fishing industry to the economy in LA.

OBJECTIVE I.1.

Increase consumption of seafood by 1% each year.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Educate consumers about economic and health benefits, and about contamination threats
- I.1.2. Educate industry participants about product liability issues, labor relations, processing methods, financing, marketing, and regulations
- I.1.3. Assist with the development of new markets
- I.1.4. Promote the superior quality of LA products
- I.1.5. Distribute promotional materials
- I.1.6. Conduct retail promotional events

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Inputs Number industry participants by type

Number consumers

Dollars spent on these activities

Number man hours spent on these activities

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Outputs Number trade shows attended

Number retail promotions conducted Number advertisements published Number news releases distributed

535

Outcome Percent increase in consumption

Efficiency Ratio of man hours and dollars to percent increase

OBJECTIVE I.2.

Restore consumer confidence and stabilize consumption of oysters.

STRATEGIES:

I.2.1. Develop new export markets

I.2.1. Provide consumers with different methods of preparing cooked oysters

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Inputs Number oyster fishermen

Historic and current consumption

Outputs Number marketing efforts

Outcome Percent change in consumption

Consumer surveys

Efficiency Cost to effect change

MISSION: The Office of Wildlife is composed of professional biologists, technicians and support personnel which staff the land-stewardship organizational units whose mission is to develop, maintain, enhance, manage, and promote wildlife resources, their habitats, and biological diversity while providing conservation-based recreational and commercial opportunities for the public.

GOALS:

- I. Increased stakeholder satisfaction with technical assistance programs and with accessibility, opportunities and experiences in using the wildlife resources of the state
- II. Ensure a slower rate of adverse alteration or loss of wildlife habitat in Louisiana
- III. Ensure that wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future

OBJECTIVE I.1.

Provide 6.9 million user-days of outdoor activities annually within a wise-and-sustainable-use setting.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Develop and recommend hunting seasons, bag limits, and regulations annually that permit sustainable game, alligator, and furbearer populations.
- I.1.2. Provide technical assistance to Louisiana residents annually to foster better stewardship of private properties for wildlife.
- I.1.3. Enhance wildlife habitat through development and implementation of partnerships for national initiatives to improve habitat on private lands.
- I.1.4. Conduct research on wildlife ecology and habitat management techniques and survey targeted wildlife species to develop better technical assistance recommendations and hunting regulations.
- I.1.5. Develop and incorporate wildlife friendly standards and practices into legislation and other initiatives that have wide application through participation on state, regional, and national forums and committees.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Number of habitat evaluations conducted

Number of wildlife surveys conducted

Number of technical assistance request received

Number of man hours expended to develop and recommend wildlife standards and new practices

Outputs

Number of species for which hunting and trapping regulations are promulgated

Number of persons receiving verbal, written, or on site technical assistance

Number of wildlife species with developed indices of population size

Number of recommendations developed for new or existing wildlife standards or practices

Outcomes

Number of user days of outdoor recreation provided to the public Number of acres of wildlife habitat improved and the number of

technical assistance calls responded to Number of species for which population indices warrant

establishing hunting or trapping seasons

Number of new standards and practices incorporated into

Department and public wildlife management programs

Efficiency

Harvest per unit of effort for game and commercial wildlife species

Total harvest of major wildlife species

Number of technical assistance responses per technical staff member

OBJECTIVE I.2.

Increase the acreage in the WMA and Refuge system by 25,000 acres by 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- I.2.1. Identify potential tracts for acquisition
- I.2.2. Evaluate desirability and costs
- I.2.3. Secure authorization and funding
- I.2.4. Negotiate purchase price and terms

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input

Cost of land and overhead

Outputs Number of landowner contacts, tract evaluations, appraisals, and

negotiations

Outcome Acres Purchased/Leased/Donated & Number of Tracts Acquired

Efficiency Percentage of tracts acquired after tracts are identified for purchase and funding is authorized

OBJECTIVE I.3.

Provide 1.2 million user-days per year on the WMA and Refuge system each year through the year 2003.

STRATEGIES:

I.3.1. Conduct managed hunts/trapping.

I.3.2. Provide infrastructure for public access.

I.3.3. Provide public use facilities.

I.3.4. Provide multi-use resource opportunities.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Number of man days to conduct biological investigations and

formulate recommendations and conduct managed hunts

Costs of building and maintaining access structures, roads and

trails

Costs of building and maintaining public use facilities

Costs of building and maintaining public use facilities

Outputs Total number of days of public hunting and trapping permitted on

WMA's and Refuges

Number of miles of roads and trails maintained

Number of public use facilities such as boat ramps, shooting ranges, water control recreational access structures, campgrounds, nature trails, comfort stations built or

maintained

Outcomes Number of user days for hunting and trapping

Total number of miles of roads and trails on WMA's and Refuges

Total number of all user days on WMA's and Refuges

Efficiency

Harvest of major species on WMA's

Percent of roads and trails in usable condition Percent of public use facilities in usable conditions

OBJECTIVE II.1.

Assure no net, annual loss of the functions and values of regulated wetlands and other wildlife habitat through the year 2003 by requiring at least 1:1 habitat unit replacement, and through providing technical assistance to landowners for voluntary enhancement, creation or restoration of non-regulated wildlife habitat.

STRATEGIES:

II.1.1. Mitigate habitat losses and protection of wildlife populations through exercise of our statutory authority under Federal and State environmental regulatory programs

II.1.2. Enroll habitat in the Natural Areas Registry

II.1.3. Establish Scenic River Servitudes

II.1.4. Provide technical assistance to governmental agencies, industry and private individuals aimed at wildlife habitat improvement and creation.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Number of man hours and costs spent on Mitigation of wetland

loss

Number of man hours and costs of enrolling landowners in the

Natural Area Registry program

Number of man hours and costs of coordinating the Scenic Streams

program

Number of man hours and costs of providing habitat related advice

Outputs Number of permit applications commented on

Number of landowners contacted to enroll in the Natural Area

Registry

Number of Scenic River contacts made and tracts evaluated

Number of non-regulated habitat contacts made and tracts

evaluated

Outcomes Number of habitat units protected (mitigated)

Number of landowners enrolled in the Natural Area Registry

Number of miles of Scenic River frontage protected

Number of acres of wildlife habitat improved

Efficiency Acres of wetlands mitigated / acres damaged

Percent of suitable tracts enrolled in Natural Area Registry Number of Scenic River contacts / servitude established Number of habitat improvement contacts / acres improved

OBJECTIVE II.2.

Improve 100,000 acres of habitat by 2003 on the WMA and Refuge system.

STRATEGIES:

- II.2.1. Manage water within impoundment systems to provide quality wetland habitat
- II.2.2. Annually conduct timber inventories and harvests to improve wildlife habitat on Department-owned lands
- II.2.3. Annually conduct prescribed burning to improve wildlife habitat on Department-owned pineland, predominantly pineland, marshland, and old field habitat
- II.2.4. Conduct habitat management and wildlife ecology studies to assess potential impacts of various management techniques
- II.2.5. Develop and maintain early successional habitat and forest openings on Department-owned lands
- II.2.6. Insure that mineral development is completed with minimal adverse environmental impact

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Man days of staff time and costs of managing impoundments

Staffing and money used to manage and establish forest lands Man days utilized to prescribe burn forest, marsh and old field

habitat

Man days directed toward research and survey

Outputs Number of water control structures installed, repaired, and

operated annually and the acres receiving habitat

manipulation annually

Number of timber inventories completed, prescriptions developed,

stands marked for harvest, and bids solicited

Number of acres prescribe burned

Number of studies completed or populations surveyed

Outcomes

Number of acres of shallow water habitat provided annually

Acres of timber harvested or reforested annually

Number of acres improved for wildlife by maintaining early

successional habitat

Scientific knowledge is incorporated into technical assistance and

educational programs

Efficiency

Number of wetland dependant birds using the impoundments

Percent of forestry prescriptions completed Percent of acres prescribed for burning Percent of studies and surveys completed

OBJECTIVE III.1.

Develop plans by 2003 for identifying, managing and recovery of five rare, threatened, or endangered species (RTE), and for managing other non-game species.

STRATEGIES:

- III.1.1. Continue to receive funding through Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act
- III.1.2. Contract with qualified individuals and organizations for biological surveys concentrating on populations and ranges of RTEs and native plants
- III.1.3. Conduct additional surveys identical to contracted surveys utilizing existing staff
- III.1.4. Determine management options for identified species
- III.1.5. Complete on-line nuisance animal control permitting system and train and license Nuisance Animal Control Operators
- III.1.6. Certify and permit wildlife rehabilitators

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

Man days spent on rare, threatened, and endangered species

biological investigations

Man days preparing recovery plans for rare, threatened, and endangered species

Man days of planning and regulating Nuisance Animal Control and wildlife rehabilitator

Outputs Number of rare, threatened, and endangered species surveys

completed

Number of RTE recovery plans completed

Develop a new training and licensing program for nuisance animal control operators and the number of wildlife rehabilitator

contacts made

Outcomes Number of RTE species for which range is identified

Number of RTE recovery plans implemented

Number of nuisance animal control operators trained and licensed

Number of wildlife rehabilitator under permit

Efficiency Percent of RTE surveys completed on time

Percent of recovery plans implemented

Percent of parishes with licensed nuisance animal control operators

and wildlife rehabilitator

512 - OFFICE OF WILDLIFE PROGRAM A - WILDLIFE (LOUISIANA FUR AND ALLIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL)

MISSION: The Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council was created under authority of R.S. 56:266.C. to be responsible for reviewing and approving recommended procedures and programs to be funded from the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Public Education and Marketing Fund and the Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund. The Council's mission is to aid the fur and alligator industries through education, product promotion, and marketing development. It's clients include trappers, coastal land owners, fur buyers and dealers, hunters, and all participants in the industries. The Council provides a cohesive, coordinated and comprehensive effort towards marketing and conducts activities with the purposes of: educating the public regarding renewable resource management, promotion of raw and finished products, and making management recommendations.

GOALS:

- I. Through the efforts of the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council, the markets for raw and finished fur and alligator products will be enhanced.
- II. Through the efforts of the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council, fur and alligator industry participants and public will be more knowledgeable about the resource and the value of sustainable use.

OBJECTIVE I.1.

To increase the harvest of La. fur by 5% each year through improved sales of fur products.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Maintain existing markets through exposure of products at major fur fairs
- I.1.2. Maintain existing markets and develop new markets through advertisements.
- I.1.3. Develop new markets in Eastern Europe and mainland China through seminars

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Number of La. pelts harvested

Number pelts shipped into different countries

Dollars expended on this objective

Number of man hours spent on activities

Outputs · Number promotional events attended

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Number of contacts Number of seminars Number of participants

Outcome Percent increase in pelts harvested

Efficiency Ratio of dollars spent and man hours to increase in harvest

OBJECTIVE I.2.

To increase the market for raw and finished alligator products by 2% each year

STRATEGIES

I.2.1. Maintain existing markets by exposure at major leather fairs.

I.2.2 Maintain existing markets and develop new markets using Point of sale booklets, newsletters, and annual reports.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Input Number of manufacturers in U.S. using alligator

Number of retailers in U.S. using alligator

Dollars spent on this objective

Number of man hours spent on this objective

Output Number of promotional events

Number of contacts

Outcome Percent increase in sales of finish leather in U.S.

Percent increase in sales of products in U.S.

Total sale of alligator skins

Efficiency Ratio of dollars spent and man hours to increase in sales of skins

and products in the U.S.

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OBJECTIVE II.1.

To increase the knowledge of 50 % of alligator industry participants attending U.S. promotions and 25% of the public contacted about the resource and the value of sustainable harvest.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1. Contact and inform alligator industry participants through Promotional booths at major leather fairs
- II.1.2. Provide information through Point of sale materials, trade films and new letters.
- II.1.3. Provide information to the general public through booth displays, videos, and new articles.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Input Number of industry participants by type

Number of public attending event Dollars spent of these activities

Number man hours spent on these activities

Output Number of leather fairs attended

Number of industry participants contacted

Number of public contacted

Number of documents distributed

Number of media contacts Number of articles produced

Outcome Percent of industry participants contacted

Percent of public contacted receiving new information

Efficiency Ratio of dollars spent and man hours to increase in percent of

industry participants and public informed about resource and value

of sustainable use.

MISSION: It is the mission of the Office of Fisheries to conserve and protect Louisiana's renewable aquatic resources for present and future generations of Louisiana citizens by controlling harvest and by replenishing and enhancing stocks and habitat.

GOALS:

- I. Ensure that aquatic resource populations will be sustainable in the present and future.
- II. Increase stakeholder satisfaction in the management of living aquatic resources.

OBJECTIVE I.1. Prepare and update management plans for the major marine species by 2003

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1: Collect fishery independent information on each species harvested and their associated environments.
- I.1.2: Collect fishery dependent information from the harvesters of the resource.
- I.1.3: Prepare stock assessments of selected species.
- I.1.4: Protect and maintain fish habitat.
- I.1.5: Prepare recommendations to Commission and Louisiana Legislature based on information gathered, as to actions required to sustain stocks under state jurisdiction.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Number of fishery-independent trawl gill, trammel, and seine samples taken per year
- Number of fishery-dependent interviews from commercial fishing trips per year
- Number of seismic applications received
- Number of spill incidents with potential to affect trust resources
- Number of artificial reef permits processed

Outputs

- Number of fish collected from the fisheries for which age and length information is taken
- Number of seismic projects inspected
- Number of spill notifications evaluated for potential impact to trust resources

- Number of Natural Resource Damage Assessments conducted per consensus of participating agencies
- Number of artificial reefs created

Outcomes

- Percent of major fish stocks not overfished
- Percent of seismic projects inspected
- Number of spill injury restoration projects implemented

Efficiency

Permit processing time

OBJECTIVE I.2. Develop lake management plans for all public freshwater lakes over 4,000 acres by 2001.

STRATEGIES:

- I.2.1: Gather historical information on waterbody.
- I.2.2: Acquire biological data as needed.
- I.2.3: Develop lake management plan.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The number of licensed fishermen in the state
- The number of lakes over 4,000 acres
- Cost per unit treated

Outputs

- The number of lake management plans written
- The number of lakes sampled

Outcomes

- Fisheries population dynamics from fisheries independent data
- Fisheries population dynamics from fisheries dependent data

Efficiency

- The number of lake management plans written per biologist
- The length of time taken to develop each management plan

OBJECTIVE I.3. Develop recovery plans for all species of threatened and endangered fish.

STRATEGIES:

- I.3.1: Develop a list of threatened and endangered species of fish in Louisiana.
- I.3.2: Acquire biological data as needed.
- I.3.3: Gather historical information on rare, threatened and endangered species.
- I.3.4: Develop fishery recovery plan for threatened and endangered species.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The number of threatened and endangered fishes in the state
- The areas of occurrence of threatened and endangered fishes

Outputs

- The number of recovery plans written
- The number of waterbodies sampled

Outcomes

- Population parameters of threatened and endangered species
- Measures recommended to protect and enhance threatened and endangered species

Efficiency

• Effectiveness in protecting and/or reestablishing populations

OBJECTIVE I.4. Ensure that aquacultural activities result in no adverse effects upon native

fish populations in Louisiana by the year 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- I.4.1: Issue permits for the use of nonindigenous species, game fish and domesticated fish.
- I.4.2: Develop partnerships in reviewing statutes and administrative rules with the private sector, other governmental agencies and universities.
- I.4.3: Recommend statutory and administrative rule amendments after careful consideration of risks to native aquatic populations.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The type and number of applications for aquacultural species
- Number of site visits made

Outputs

- The number of aquacultural permits issued
- Results of risk analysis
- Changes in statutes and administrative rules for aquacultural species

Outcome

Percent change in numbers of permits issued

Efficiency

• Effectiveness of protecting native fish populations through statute and administrative rule changes

OBJECTIVE II.1. Increase recreational stakeholder satisfaction in quality of fishing experience by 1% by 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1: Educate public on the principles of fisheries management.
- II.1.2: Conduct periodic stakeholder satisfaction survey.
- II.1.3: Modify management regime to conform with stakeholder expectations.

II.1.4: Issue special recreational fishing and scientific collecting permits.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Outcomes

Percentage of anglers satisfied with the management program of the Office

OBJECTIVE II.2. Increase commercial stakeholder satisfaction in management program by 1% by 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- II.2.1. Issue permits for participation in special fisheries.
- II.2.2: Conduct stakeholder satisfaction survey each year.
- II.2.3: Modify management regime to conform with stakeholder expectations where feasible.
- II.2.4: Collect annual rent and renewals fees for all oyster leases in accordance with all statues, rules and regulations.
- II.2.5: Survey oyster lease applications and issue oyster leases in accordance with all statutes, rules and regulations.
- II.2.6: Interact with other agencies which impact Louisiana's fisheries.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Number of commercial fishers requesting permits issued by the Office
- Number of new leases requested by oyster lessees

Outputs

- Numbers of permits issued
- Number of oyster lease applications surveyed

Outcome

Percentage of commercial fishers satisfied with the management program

Efficiency

• Time from receipt of application to issuance of permits

OBJECTIVE II.3. Increase the number of boating access and development projects by 3% by the year 2000.

STRATEGIES:

- II.3.1: Evaluate applications through use of Department guidelines that prioritize need.
- II.3.2: Closely monitor approved and ongoing projects to ensure that contractual obligations are being met.
- II.3.3: Coordinate the maintenance and upkeep of access and development projects.
- II.3.4: Coordinate funding availability and obligations.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The number of requests for boating access and development projects
- The amount of Sport Fish Restoration funds available

Outputs

- The total number of completed boating access and development projects
- The total number of ongoing boating access and development projects
- The total number of newly-approved boating access and development projects
- The number of facilities receiving maintenance

Outcomes

- Percent of boating population receiving benefits from projects
- Number of user spaces provided per facility

Efficiency

Percent of available funding utilized

OBJECTIVE II.4. Establish, by the year 2001, maintenance control of nuisance aquatic plants

that threaten the preservation, enhancement and utilization of aquatic habitat in public waterbodies by increasing present control capabilities of invasive, exotic plants annually by approximately 50%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.4.1: Determine statewide aquatic plant infestations.
- II.4.2: Increase statewide aquatic plant control capabilites through approval of \$5 million of funding per new and expanded budget request.
- II.4.3: Investigate aquatic vegetation infestations in selected public lakes.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Number of acres of nuisance aquatic plants by region
- Number of lakes needing type mapping and biomass sampling to determine status of aquatic plant infestations

Outputs

- Number of acres treated by region
- Number of lakes evaluated

Outcomes

- Percent of aquatic vegetation infestations treated statewide
- Documentation of aquatic plant infestation trends in waterbodies sampled.

Efficiency

- Percent of aquatic infestation treated by region
- Cost per unit treated

OBJECTIVE II.5. Provide technical assistance to the owners of 1200 private lakes and ponds annually.

STRATEGIES

- II.5.1: Train employees regarding the management of lakes and ponds.
- II.5.2: Provide pond analysis services to individual water body owners.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input

Number of requests for advice in managing private ponds and lakes

Output

• The number of responses to requests for advice in managing private ponds and lakes

Outcome

 Percent of requesters expressing satisfaction in the assistance given in managing private lakes and ponds

Efficiency

Cost per pond of advice given

OBJECTIVE II.6. Spawn, culture and stock in state waters 5 million game fish and other fishes in 2000, in support of management plans.

STRATEGIES:

- II.6.1: Operate four hatchery facilities to produce fish for stocking public waters in accordance with management objectives.
- II.6.2: Maintain close cooperative ties with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other state hatcheries.
- II.6.3: Provide tours and public interaction with all hatchery facilities.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Total capacity of all hatcheries
- Requests for stocking, both within and without the Department

Outputs

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- The total number of fish produced
- The total number of fish stocked

Outcome

- Percent increase in Florida bass gene in selected waters
- Success in the recovery of species of special concern

Efficiency

- Cost per unit of fry produced
- Production per unit of pond and trough space

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES 1999 - 2003 STRATEGIC PLAN

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RESOLUTION LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES JULY 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 9, 1998.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle Jr., Chairman

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jepkins, Jr., Secretary

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS 1998-99 Hunting Seasons

FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days

September 5 (Sat.)-13 (Sun) 9 days October 17 (Sat.)-November 16 (Mon.) 31 days 30 days December 12 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24

OR

Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 5 (Sat.)-September 13 (Sun.) 9 days October 17 (Sat.)-November 6 (Fri.) 21 days December 12 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.) 30 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL: September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.)

16 days

Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) 16 days November 7 (Sat.)-December 30 (Wed.) 54 days

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30. SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

GALLINULES: Split Season

September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) 16 days November 7 (Sat.)-December 30 (Wed.) 54 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

SNIPE: November 7 (Sat.)-February 21 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16 107 days

WOODCOCK: December 18 (Fri)-January 31 (Sun.) 45 days

Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on Sept. 5-6, Oct. 17-18, and Dec. 12-13 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

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Hunter opportunities to increase next season

By JOE MACALUSO Advocate outdoors writer

Increased opportunity will greet state hunters for the 1998-99 seasons passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on Thursday.

Waiting for the near half-million hunters are seven additional days in the squirrel season, 12 more days on the quail season and the commission approved a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-plan to add seven more days to the special September teal season.

"We try to increase (hunter) opportunity wherever we can and whenever the biology allows an increase," assistant Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett said. "We added more days to the squirrel season last year. It was very popular and we saw there was the chance to add even more this year."

Two years ago, the squirrel season opened on the traditional first Saturday in October and ran through the last Sunday in January. This season opening day will be the same, Oct. 3, but squirrel hunters will have until Feb. 14 to chase the bushytails.

The additional days for the quail season comes on the front end. Instead of a traditional Thanksgiving Day opening, quail are legal on Nov. 14. The season will run through Jan. 31.

The expansion of the special September season from 9 days to 16 days comes on the heels of a federal survey showing a record number of blue-wing teal --- 6.7 million breeding pairs --- during the spring on nesting grounds in North and South Dakota, Montana and southern areas of Canada.

The LWFC also approved deer, rabbit and pheasant seasons and established season dates and bag limits for migratory birds, species like doves, teal, rails, gallinules, snipe and woodcock. The commission opted for a 60-day, 15-doves-per-day season over a 70-day, 12-bird option. Dove season begins the eight-month hunting season with a statewide Sept. 5 opener.

The commission also approved two highly debated changes.

In March, when the Wildlife Division presented the hunting season

package for resident game, Tangipahoa Parish resident Lemmie Walker presented a petition calling for the commission to make Ward 4 a still-hunt only area.

With maps and signatures that Walker said represented "over 80 percent" of the Ward 4 landowners, the commission voted to remove the dog-hunting option in that area.

Prickett said the Wildlife Division had a chance to examine the area and confirm that signatures represented nearly all the wooded lands in the area.

The lone dissenting vote came from Lafayette commissioner Bill Busbice, who said the move would deny area hunters who prefer to use dogs from doing so, and remove what he said was an important option.

Walker insisted there were major problems from hunters outside Ward 4 and said residents are fearful of stray shots and unsportsmanlike hunters.

A similar proposal from Ronnie Morris in Washington Parish was turned down.

The commission also voted in regulations that make it mandatory for hunters to remove tree stands from wildlife management areas (WMA) one hour after legal hunting time. The 1997-98 rules allowed hunters to dismantle tree stands and lock them to the base of a tree throughout the deer season.

Enforcement Division chief Col. Winton Vidrine said hunter conflicts increased on WMAs in recent years when hunters with unassembled stands already in an area attempted to run off others moving into the area to hunt.

"In effect, they believed they staked out an area because they left their tree stand chained to a tree," Vidrine said.

In other action, the LWFC set the 1998 alligator season to run Sept. 2-Oct. 1; adopted the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Strategic Plan; approved an agreement between Louisiana and Texas to honor both resident and non-resident fishing licenses on lakes which make up the border between the two states; and, were briefed, in executive session, on the latest discussion in the suit filed by the LDWF against the Louisiana Department of Agriculture over the high-fence deer farming/hunting program.

The commission also learned that enforcement agents wrote 1,923 citations in June, and voted to meet on Nov. 5 in Baton Rouge.

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COMMISSION MEETING ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 9, 1998 Baton Rouge, LA Wildlife & Fisheries Building

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		Jerald Hanchey		_
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Mr. Chairman:

There are _____ Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum. Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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HUNTING REGULATIONS 1998-1999

Louisiana 1998 Duck Stamp by R.C. Davis. The print depicts a pair of mallards. Stamps are available at all license outlets. Prints are available through art dealers.

M.J. "Mike" Foster Jr.
Governor

James H. Jenkins Jr. Secretary

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thomas M. Gattle Jr., Chairman

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1998-99 HUNTING SEASONS

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.



Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- Respect the environment and wildlife.
- Respect property and landowners.
- Show consideration for non-hunters.
- Hunt safely.
- Know and obey the law.
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

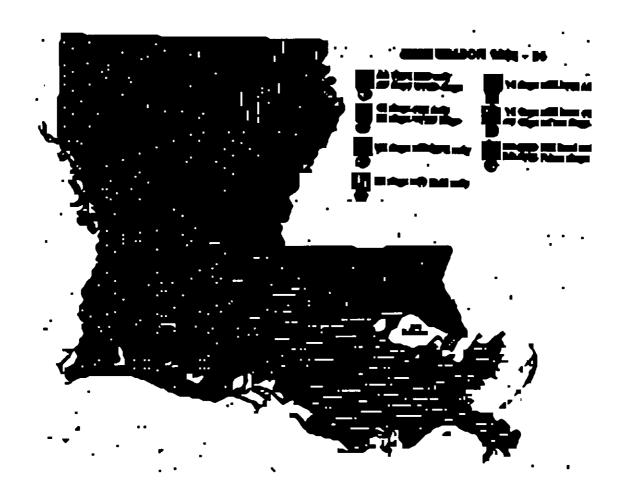
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 3-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 3-Feb. 14	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLEĽOADER (All Either Sex)	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITH OUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-13
1		Jan. 25-31	Jan. 9-24	Dec. 19-Jan. 8
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-Jan. 3
		Jan. 4-10		
3	Sept. 19-	Oct. 5-9	Oct. 10-Dec. 6	
1	Jan. 19	Dec. 12-18	Dec. 19-Jan. 3	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-Jan. 3	
		Jan. 4-10		
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-29	
l		Jan. 4-10		
		(bucks only)		
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-13
		Jan. 25-31		Dec. 19-Jan. 24
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10-25	Dec. 12-Jan. 17
		Jan. 18-24	Nov. 21-Dec. 6	

MODERN FIREARM EITHER SEXISEASONS

AREA	BASIC EITHER SEX SEASON DATES (see below for closed areas)	EXCEPT (Either-sex:days-are as follows in portions of the parishes listed).
1	Nov. 21-22, 27-29,	Caldwell, Catahoula, Franklin and LaSalle parishes
	Dec. 5-6, 12-13	either-sex dates are Nov. 21-22, 27-29 <i>only</i> .
		Avoyelles, Grant and Rapides parish either-sex
<u> </u>		dates are Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6 only.
2	Oct. 24-25,	Caldwell, LaSalle parishes either-sex dates are
	Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7-8, 27-29,	Oct. 24-25, Nov. 27-29 only.
	Dec. 5-6	Avoyelles parish either-sex dates are Oct. 24-
		25, Nov. 27-29 Dec. 5-6 <i>only</i> .
3	Oct. 10-11, 24-25,	St. Landry Parish either-sex dates are
 	Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7-8, 27-29	Oct. 10-11, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6 only.
4	Nov. 21-22, 27-29	That portion of East Carroll lying between the
1		Mississippi River Levee and to the Mississippi River
1	,	either sex dates are:
		Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13 only.
5	None	
6	Nov. 21-22, 27-29,	Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry parishes
ŀ	Dec. 5-6, 12-13	either-sex dates are Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6
		only.
7	Oct. 10-11, Nov. 21-22,	None
	27-29, Dec. 12-13	



OTHER SEASONS DATES

TURKEY:

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 1998.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM:

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS:

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depradators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

PHFASANT:

Nov. 14-Jan. 31. Bag limit 2 male only. Possession 4 males only. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes:

That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of Hwy. 90 to LA. 27, west of La 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Instracoastal waterway south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to LA 108, north and east of LA 108 from Gum Cove Road to Hwy 90, and south of Hwy 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

FALCONRY:

Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 28.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE: Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season.

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DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE: Deer clubs enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antierless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the ear or hock in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. For course information, call (504) 765-2932 or any district office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow and a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and waterfowl. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

- NUISANCE ANIMALS Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.
- THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearlshell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least yern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.
- UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase-only during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer.

 FOXES AND BOBCATS are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.
- HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.
- TAGS Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the ear or the hock of antierless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antierless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.
- SEX IDENTIFICATION Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkey taken during any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement, or on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON - No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS - No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT - No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE - All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING - No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- 1.The hunter's signature.
- 2. The hunter's address.
- 3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
- 4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS - Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING - No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT - No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION - For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP) - The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION - Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE - Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION - More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-In-Charge: Slidell (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (504) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 264-6630; Lake Charles (318) 437-7214; Monroe (318) 325-1735.



- A. One antiered and one antierless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife
 Management Areas. Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit
 shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of
 take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.
- Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than 22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.
- G. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s).

 Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer

seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

- H. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.
- <u>Muzzleloader Segment</u>: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) I. Still hunt only. See page 4 for specific hunting area dates. Specified WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters 16 years of age and older and less than 60 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleload segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only. take ball or bullet projectile, including saboted bullets only and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnified scopes.

Archery Segment: Still hunting only; Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area 3 where the season will be Sept. 19-Jan. 19. WMA seasons are the same as outside except J. as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters 16 and older and less than 60 years of age. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE SCHEDULE).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress. IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- To carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.
- 2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.
- 3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
- K. HUNTER ORANGE: Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".
- SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND: Oct. 10-11. L. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula Concordia Tensas

East Feliciana

Franklin

East Baton Rouge Madison

St. Helena Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avovelles - North of La. 1.

Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

Grant - East of U.S. 165 and South of La. 8.

<u>LaSalle</u> - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La.

127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to

Caldwell Parish line.

<u>Livingston</u> - North of I-12.

Rapides - East of US 165 and north of Red River.

St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to

Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terra WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

<u>Catahoula</u> - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10.

North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, West of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959, east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier, westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, West of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

<u>Tangipahoa</u> - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction. with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish.

West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

Franklin - ALL.

AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville DeSoto Sabine
Bossier Jackson Union
Caddo Lincoln Winn

Webster Natchitoches
Claiborne Red River

EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; see page 40. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page 37 and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 still hunt only description shall be still hunting only.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

Avovelles - That portion west of I-49.

Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of Deridder to Texas line.

<u>Calcasieu</u> - West of La. 27 north of Sulpher and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Caldwell - West of U.S. 165

Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La.. 8 and east of U.S.165.

Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

<u>Vernon</u> - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

<u>Claiborne and Webster:</u> Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Ouachita: East of Ouachita River.

Rapides: West of U. S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49

southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118

(Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

<u>Vernon:</u> East of Mora-Hutton road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop road, south and

east of Hillman Loop road to Comrade road, south of Comrade road to La. 465, east and

north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190

west of DeRidder to Texas line.

Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

lberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

Lafavette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121and La. 112 to Union Hill and

north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville,

and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open,

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Morehouse - East of U. S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction

La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134

and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - South of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of

La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension Assumption **Plaquemines**

St. John

!berville

Pointe Coupee St. Bernard

St. Martin Jefferson

St. Charles

Lafourche

St. James

West Baton Rouge

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avovelles -

South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

Evangeline -

That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte

and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

lberia -

East of U.S. 90.

Lafayette -

East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Livingston -

South of I-12.

Rapides -

South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49

at Turkey Creek Exit, east of 1-49 southward to parish line.

St. Landry -

East of U.S. 167.

St. Mary -

North of U.S. 90.

St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Plaguemines - East of the Mississippi River.

Rapides -

South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Bernard -

All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

St. John -

South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

The following Parish is open:

Terrebonne

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

<u>Iberia and St. Mary Parishes</u> - South of La. 14 and west U. S. Hwy. 90.

1998-99 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated EXCEPT as specified by state law.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Commercial operation must obtain permit from the District Office.

Nature trails - access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

PERMITS

DAILY:

Daily permits when required **shall** be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area 2 hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area one hour after legal shooting time.

SELF CLEARING PERMITS: On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required all hunters must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP: Persons using WMA's or other department administered lands for non-consumptive purposes, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

- YOUTH DEER HUNT: Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT special seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adult may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 17-18 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Bienville (portion), Loggy Bayou, Ouachita, Sabine, Salvador/Timken and West Bay; Nov. 7-8 on Boeuf, Pearl River, Red River, Dewey Wills (south of Diversion Canal only), Sherburne and Spring Bayou; Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required). Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves and Camp Beauregard WMA will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 10-11.
- HANDICAPPED SEASON: For physically challenged permitted hunters only, Oct. 17-18, West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Bienville; Bens Creek Oct. 31-Nov. 1 (self-clearing permit required) and Bens Creek Nov. 7-8 (self-clearing permit required), Sherburne and a portion of Dewey Wills (north of Diversion Canal only). Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter program permit. Contact district office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 10-11.
- LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER: Bayou Macon and Buckhorn WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 30, 1998. A \$5 non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on both areas must check their deer out at a check station.
- LOTTERY HUNTS. TURKEY: Dewey Wills, Georgia Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Tunica Hills, Sabine, Sicily Island Hills and Sherburne WMAs. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 1999. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for more details.
- TRAPPING:

 Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult 1998-99 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district

offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

RACCOON HUNTING:

A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs EXCEPT Pass-a-Loutre, Point-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL — Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. Raccoon bag limit is one per person per night for raccoon hunters on WMAs except as otherwise specified. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL
FISHING:

Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake,
Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl season on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA.
Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien only in Cut Off Canal during day-time and nighttime, and trawling allowed in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges.
Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, East Farms is by permit only. Permits are available from the Opelousas office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters.

<u>SPORT</u> <u>FISHING</u>: Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador

/Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS: The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides.

Vernon, West Carroll, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts EXCEPT for Elbow Slough in Rapides parish. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office

for specific information and any additional season dates.

Doves:

Same as outside EXCEPT open first split only and EXCEPT steel shot required on Elbow

Slough.

Quall and Woodcock: Same as outside.

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs and ATCs on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Management Area listing.

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from improved roads or their rights-of-way is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs but only during prescribed seasons and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.



On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges all deer stands must be removed from the area one hour after legal shooting hours each day. (NEW)

A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within one hour of the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress there from has ceased.

Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMA's.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador WMAs, and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress.

Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreation vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16 day period camps must be removed from the area for 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas.

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the waterfowl season until the close of rabbit season. On Pass-a-Loutre WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas during waterfowl season only. At all other times of the year, mooring period limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations or carried off by campers.

Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.



All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

Airboats, aircraft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs.

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. Except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped- only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through Sept. 15 and from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

1998-99 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS BASIC SEASON DATES

RESIDENT SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, AND QUAIL)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. Quail season closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow. All small game hunting closed on Tunica Hills and Alexander State Forest during the muzzleloader season. Consult the following WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien and Salvador/Timken for additional information.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except on Atchafalaya Delta and Pass-a-Loutre where shooting hours will be the same as outside. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Bodcau WMA, Pintail Alley on Ouachita WMA and the South Farm Complex of Sherburne WMA during either sex deer season. Consult the following WMA regulations for any other specific details, including Lottery Waterfowl Hunt requirements for Red River WMA.

MIGRATORY BIRDS (DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and no hunting on unharvested agricultural fields. Consult the WMA regulations for any other specific details.

ARCHERY

Same as outside EXCEPT as noted in the following schedule. Also see Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien and Salvador/Timken for specified dates.

HOGS

Hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, beginning with opening of archery season and closes Feb. 28. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

Outlaw quadrupeds and birds (Coyotes, armadillos, crows, blackbirds, starlings and beavers). During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA.

1998-99 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner — Office of Forestry-DNR-8,092 Acres. District 3.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, either sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex muzzleloader

hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. (Certain areas may be

closed as posted)

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads.

No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner-State of Louisiana-137,000 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: (Archery Only) Oct. 1-Oct. 31. and during the splits between the waterfowl season

for the west zone. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No

hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from

Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2:00 pm during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the sea

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Rabbit:

Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Beagles permitted when duck season is

closed. No hunting in restricted areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner-State of Louisiana-26,300 Acres. District 6.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex.

BUCKS ONLY: Dec. 19-Jan. 3

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Small Game

& Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned-6,940 Acres.District 2.):

Deer:

Nov. 21-22, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to

have permit validated.

Archery:

All deer must be reported at Self Clearing station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs

Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-Feb. 1. Self Clearing Permit required.

All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned-1,400 Acres. District 1):

Deer:

Archery Only

All Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 9-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl:

Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl Refuge

closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping. Refuge marked with

"Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

All vehicles restricted to parish roads.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner-Cavenham Forest Industries Inc.-13,500 acres. District 7):

Area Closed:

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, to all hunters except Youth and

Handicapped Hunters.

Special season for Youth and

Oct . 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, entire area open to both groups. Permit required for Handicapped hunters must be obtained in

Handicapped hunters:

advance from District Office. Self Clearing Permit required for

youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-Jan 3, bucks only, Self Clearing

Permit required.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 5-11 and Jan. 4-17, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex mod-

ern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31, with dogs at night. No limit. Self Clearing Permit

required.

Unmarked

Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG LAKE (Department Owned-19,221 Acres. District 4.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29, and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18- Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Woodcock:

Same as outside.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

8. BILOXI (Owner-Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation-39,583 Acres. District 7.)

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.

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Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside.

BODCAU (Owner—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-32,471 Acres. District 1.):

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6. Either sex. No permit. Oct. 26-30, Nov. 2-6, 9-26, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Bucks only.

No permit.

All Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 9-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 9-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 9-Feb. 14, No Bag Limit (Dog Season Only).

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

10. BOEUF (Department Owned-47,864 Acres, District 4.)

Area Closed: Nov. 7-8, to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer

Nov. 7-8, either sex.

Hunt:

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricul-

tural fields.

Raccoon: Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

11. BOISE-VERNON (Boise-Cascade Company-54,269 Acres, District 5.):

Area Closed: Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Hunt: Oct. 17-18, either sex.

Deer: Oct. 24-25, either-sex daily permit required

Oct. 26-Nov. 25, bucks only season permit. Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30-Dec. 6, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

&Waterfowl: gun hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 9-

Feb. 14. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Jan. 18-Feb. 14, permit required from Lake Charles District office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel

12. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 8,955 Acres. District 4.):

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result

of the preapplication Lottery.

Nov. 29, Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Quail, Dove Same as outside. Except closed during either sex modern firearm

& Woodcock: hunts for deer. Dove hunting, prohibited in unharvested agricultural

fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

13. <u>CAMP BEAUREGARD</u>- (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 acres. District 3.) SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT.

Area closed Oct. 10-11 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone (318)-487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be recorded on self clearing checkout permit.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside, EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 9-Feb. 14.** Waterlowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles

permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28,

Deer:

Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only, self clearing permit.

Youth Hunt:

Oct. 10-11, either sex, daily permit.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-6, either sex, Self Cleaning Permit required.

Fishing:

Special regulations to apply on Twin Lakes. Regulations, will be

posted at entrance to lake.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters while deer hunting.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

All game harvested must be reported.

14. DEWEY W. WILLS- (Formerly Saline) (Department Owned-60,276 Acres. District 3.):

Closed Season:

Nov. 7-8 to all hunters except youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season: Nov. 7-8. That portion of the area north of the diversion canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters. A special permit shall be required from the District Office. Permit application must be in

District Office by Nov. 1, 1998.

Special Youth Hunt:

Nov. 7-8. That portion of the area south of the diversion canal

shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-6, either sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.
Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 18-Feb. 28** and squirrel hunting

with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts and hunting after 2 p.m.prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free-

ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of Hwy. 28.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

15. FORT POLK (Owner---U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service-109,855 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or 318-513-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making Devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at www.jrtc-polk,army.mil/hunting.htm.

Deer:

Oct. 24-Nov. 25, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.

Nov. 27-29 either-sex Daily Permits.

Dec. 7-18 bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 19-20 either sex, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 21-25, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 26-27, either sex, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 28-Jan. 3, bucks only Self Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 5-6, either sex, Self Clearing Permit, Special

Permit, Building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803. Either-sex deer legal **Sept. 19-Jan.19**. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Small Game

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel dogs permitted Jan. 9-Feb. 14.

Unmarked hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept.19-Feb. 28.

Fishing:

Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific

lakes.

16. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner-Georgia-Pacific Corporation-25,480 Acres. District 2.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18, to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex. Daily Permit required.

Deer:

Oct. 24-Nov. 1, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

NOV. 30-Dec. 6, either sex, Self Clearing permit Required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting Jan. 18-Feb. 14. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles permit

ted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

17. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned-13,297 Acres. District 6.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy

Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

18. <u>JACKSON-BIENVILLE</u> (Owner—Willamette Industries, et al- 32,000 Acres. District 1.):

Self-clearing permits are required to hunt on Jackson-Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the Oct. 24-25 either-sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through Sept.15.

Closed Season:

Oct. 17-18, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters except

youth and handicapped hunters

Special Season for Youth and Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 17-18 for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact District office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped permit must be obtained in advance from District Office. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Field Office on North Road.

Note: Daily permits for the Oct. 24 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the field office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Ansley Daily Permit Check Station has been moved to Ansley on U.S. Hwy. 167 and the North Daily Permit Check Station has been moved to the Field Office on North Road.

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, either sex, Daily Permit required. Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required, all deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Check Stations. Nov. 23-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 3, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required. All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing stations.

Deer killed on the following weekends must be weighed at the Field Office on North Road. Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 19-20, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3.

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed **Oct. 24-25**. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles **Jan. 9-Feb. 28**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 9-Feb.14**. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Quail:

Nov. 14-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Jan. 9-Feb. 14, no bag limit (Dog Season Only).

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit Station or Daily

Permit Station.

19. JOYCE- (Department Owned-15,609 acres. District 7.):

Deer: Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Small Game Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

& Waterfowl: Swamp Walk:

Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting

allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule

and use walk way at your own risk.

20. LAKE RAMSAY (Department Owned-800 Acres. District 7.):

Deer: Archery only. Oct 1 - Jan. 31.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside.

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

21. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned-2,944 Acres. District 3.):

Deer: Oct. 24-Nov. 1, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-6, either sex.

Raccoon: Jan. 18-31.

Small Game Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted & Waterfowl: Jan. 9-Feb. 14. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

22. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned-4,213 Acres. District 1.) Self Clearing Permit required for all

persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the check station at the camp

ground.

Area Closed: Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 17-18, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required. Refer to

WMA general regulations for Hunt requirements. All other activities

CLOSED.

Archery: Self Clearing Permit required.

Deer: Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit

available at main campground only.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30-Dec. 6, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during daily permit either-sex gun

hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 9-Feb. 28. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 9-Feb 14.

Waterfowl Same as outside except hunting after 2 pm prohibited and closed

Nov 27-29. Self Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon: Jan. 9-Feb. 14, no bag limit (dog season only). Self Clearing Permit

required.

23. MANCHAC (Department Owned-8,325 Acres. District 7.): '

Deer (archery only):

Same as Outside. Unmarked hogs may be taken by properly

licensed archery hunters during archery season.

Small Game

Same as outside, EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibit-

ed. Steel shot required for rails, snipes and gallinules. & Waterfowl:

Crabs:

No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

24. OUACHITA (Department Owned-8,745 Acres. District 2.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge:

North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 19-Jan. 3, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

Waterfowl:

South of La. Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting

after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 31-Nov. 15, Jan. 18-Feb. 7, no bag limit. Permit

required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish:

April 1-May 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing

prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing:

Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

25. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned-66,000 Acres. District 8.):

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside.

Archery:

Oct. 1-Jan 31. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre

headquarters.

Rabbit:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted when duck and archery

season are closed.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed deer hunters during the Archery

Season (archery only).

Commercial Mullet

Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT Sept. 1-Jan. 31, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

26. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned-34,896 Acres. District 7.):

Closed Season:

Nov. 7-8 to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at

Self Clearing Permit station.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-Jan. 3, bucks only. All deer and hogs

killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 5-11, Jan. 4-17, either sex. All deer and hogs must be report

ed at Self Clearing check station.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb 28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 18-Feb.14.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and

EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge area. Closed north of U.S. Hwy. 90 during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: Oct. 3-18 and Jan. 18-31, Self Clearing Permit required. No

bag limit at night with dogs.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louislana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee

27. PEASON RIDGE (Owner-U.S. Army-33,488 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or 318/531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm).

Deer: Oct. 24-Nov. 25 bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self-Clearing Permits.

Dec. 7-18, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Dec. 19-20, either sex, Self-Clearing Permits.

Dec. 21-25, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Dec. 26-27, either-sex Self-Clearing Permits.

Dec. 28-Jan. 3, bucks only Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 5-6, either sex, Self Clearing Permits required. Special

Permits, building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks-only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel dogs permitted Jan. 9-

Feb. 14.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

28. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned 30,037 Acres. District 8.):

Hunting until 2:00 pm on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below.

Deer: Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-13 bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting

allowed on Point Farm property (archery only).

Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 26, either sex.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and

gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season

segment.

Dove:

Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise

morning hunting only.

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sundown to 11/2 hours before sunrise.

29. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned-7,064 Acres. District 6.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Either sex. Jan. 4-10.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit **Jan. 18-Feb. 28.**

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Migratory Game Birds

& Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during

waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish:

Apr. 1-July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets

left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

30. RED RIVER (Department Owned-24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-11,717 Acres. District 4.):

Area Closed:

Nov. 7-8 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Woodcock

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunt for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Portions of area (Yakey Farm) restricted to pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 25, 1998. Contact district office for details. Waterfowl hunting only allowed during waterfowl season on this portion. Crawfishing prohibited on wetland restoration projects.

Dove:

Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields and EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun

hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters Oct.1 -Feb. 28..

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

31. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned — 17,280 Acres. District 2.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 19-Jan. 3 bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either-sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Snipe & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during

waterfowl season.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for

deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 31-Nov. 15 and Jan. 18-Feb. 7, no bag limit. Permit

required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

32. SABINE (Owner — International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al-14,780 Acres. District 3.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex.

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Oct. 26-Nov. 25, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 17-20, either sex.

Small Game

& Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28

and dogs permitted for squirrels, Jan. 9-Feb. 14. Waterfowl hunting

after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28...

33. SABINE ISLAND (Owner-State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board-8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 9-Feb.14.

Deer:

Same as Area 2 deer season except still hunt only.

Raccoon:

Jan. 9-Feb.14, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

34. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned-30,600 Acres. District 8.):

Hunting until 2 p.m. only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area 1½ hours before sunrise and leave the area 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

Area Closed: Oct 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 17-18, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt

regulations.

Deer: Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit.

Dec. 7-20, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 5-6, either sex.

Archery: Oct. 1- Dec. 4, either sex.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for

deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun

hunts for deer.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel

shot required for Gallinule hunting.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower rating above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands ponds including the West Canal, lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and "Bale du Cabange" and the Rathborne Access ditch.

35. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned-3,397 Acres. District 7.):

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex. Self Clearing Permit Required.

Nov. 29, bucks only. Dec. 12-27, bucks only.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 27-28. Beagles permitted

for rabbit hunting Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens Nov. 16 (Monday) and

closes Jan. 31 and EXCEPT closed Nov. 27-28. Self Clearing

Permit required.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on northern tract during the

opening weekend of the first segment (Sept. 5-6). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern

firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. pro

hibited.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 7-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1-March 2 EXCEPT restricted to that

portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only.

Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials and during the spring turkey season. No horses on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles allowed off parish roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

36. <u>SHERBURNE</u> (Department Owned-11,780 Acres; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service-15,220 Acres; U. S. Army Corps of Engineers -15,690 Acres. District 6.):

Area Closed: Nov. 7-8, except to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped

Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from District Offices. Youth Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit

Stations.

Deer: Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6, either sex. Daily permit required.

Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only. Self clearing permit.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 18-Feb 28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels, Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited, and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm may have additional restrictions on migratory bird hunting. Contact the District Office for details.

Woodcock: Same as outside. Except closed during modern firearm either-sex

gun hunts for deer. Self Clearing Permit required.

Dove: Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either sex

gun hunt for deer.

Raccoon: Jan. 18-31, permit required from WMA headquarters or Opelousas

office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, permits required, for East Farms from Area

Headquarters.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office (504-765-2931). No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

37. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned-7,098 Acres. District 4.):

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 29, Dec.26-Jan 3., bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

38. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District-1,300 Acres. District 1.):

Waterfowl Refuge: No hunting or trapping permitted. Sport fishing permitted Apr. 1-Aug. 31. All vehicular traffic restricted to improved roads. No ATVs or ATCs allowed. Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.)

39. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned-12,078 Acres. District 6.):

Area Closed:

Nov. 7-8, except to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Woodcock:

Same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunting for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and

EXCEPT no hunting in refuge area during duck season.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl

season.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during

waterfowl season.

Crawfish:

100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

40. THISTLETHWAITE (Thistlethwaite Heirs-11,100 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex. Daily permit. Nov. 29-Dec. 13, bucks only.

Muzzleloader

Dec. 21-27, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. pro-

hibited

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28..

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

No entry into restricted areas.

41. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned-23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-1,085 Acres. District 4.):

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Quail, Snipe

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm & Woodcock:

aun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm.

gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Same as outside EXCEPT prohibited in unharvested agricultural Dove:

fields and EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: Jan. 18-Feb. 7.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

42. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned-3,366 Acres. District 7.):

Nov. 14-Dec. 6, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required. Muzzleloader:

Archery: Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing

Permit station.

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 14-Dec. 6. Squirrel & Rabbit:

Woodcock: Same as outside except closed during muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. ATV trails open Sept. 15-Feb. 1, closed remainder of year. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

43. UNION (Plum Creek Timber Co., La. Correctional Facilities Corp. et al — 12,852 Acres, District 2);

Deer: Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31- Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, and Dec. 5-6

either sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm & Waterfowl:

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **Jan. 18-Feb. 28**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

44. WEST BAY (Boise Cascade Company, Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Company, et al. 62.115 Acres. District 5.):

Area Closed: Oct. 17-18, To all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped

Special season for Youth Oct. 17-18 for handicapped and youth hunters only. Permit for & Handicapped Hunters: handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the District

Office, Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping

area permit station on Hwy, 112.

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Oct. 26-Nov. 25, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 30-Dec. 6, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **Jan. 18-Feb. 28**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted, **Jan. 9-Feb. 14**. Waterfowl

hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

45. WISNER (Owner-Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee-21,621 Acres. District 8.):

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season.

Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl & All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Except Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District

Deer:

Oct. 17-18 Either sex, muzzieloader Oct. 24-25 Either sex, still hunt only Bucks only, still hunt only Oct. 26-Nov. 2 Bucks only, still hunt only Nov. 21-26 Nov. 27 Either sex, still hunt only Nov. 28-29 Bucks only, still hunt only Dec. 5 Either sex, with or without dog Dec. 6 Bucks only, with or without dogs Dec. 26-30 Bucks only, with or without dogs

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Vernon Parish excluding Fort Polk WMA

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Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne parishes

Deer*:

Same as outside (Area 2) Except still hunt only.

*See Area 2 on page 5 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne parishes.

All other game — same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticemet for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, except by special permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noisemaking devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn parishes) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 10-11

Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit.

Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit

must be obtained in advance from Forest

Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 17-18

Either sex, muzzieloader

Oct. 24-25

Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 27

Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

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Nov. 28-29

Bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

Rabbit:

Same as outside except beagles permitted for rabbit. Jan. 18-Feb. 28 only.

Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the management preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside except squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Raccoons: Dogs permitted Jan 18-31.

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit Additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer: Oct. 10-11 Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit.

Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest

Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 17-18 Either sex, muzzleloader.

Oct. 24-25 Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 27 Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 28-29 Bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside except beagles permitted for rabbit. Jan. 18-Feb. 28 only.

Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have rec

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Squirrel: Same as outside except squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Raccoons: Dogs permitted Jan 18-31.

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360. Phone: (318) 473-7160. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

CORPS OF ENGINEERS — INDIAN BAYOU AREA: 15,006 acres within St. Landry Parish.

Annual hunting permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers headquar ters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, call 318/585-0854 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified:

Area closed Nov. 7-8 EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth &Handicapped

Deer Hunt:

Deer:

Nov. 7-8-, either sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

Nov. 27-29, either sex.

Dec. 5-6, either sex.

Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 14-20, either sex.

Jan. 25-31, Bucks only.

Archery: Same as outside. Self Clearing Deer Tag is required to be filled out

and dropped in any drop box on the property before harvested deer

can leave the property. (See map for box location).

Squirrel/Rabbit: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-

sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Feb. 1-28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 4-24.

Woodcock & Snipe: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during Modern Firearm Either Sex

Gun Hunts for deer.

Raccoon:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during deer gun hunts.

Permit required for Night Hunting.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Species : 12	Season Dates	Dally Bag C Limit	Possession Limit
Doves	Sept.5-13,	15	30
	Oct. 17-Nov. 6,		,
	Dec. 12-Jan. 10		
Snipe	Nov. 7-Feb. 21	8	16
. Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	6
Teal (Blue-winged,			
Green-winged,	Sept. 12-27	4	8
Cinnamon)			
King & Clapper	Sept. 12-27,	15 in the	30
Rails	Nov. 7-Dec. 30	aggregate	
Sora &	Sept. 12-27	25 in the	25 in the
Virginia Rails	Nov. 7-Dec. 30	aggregate	<u>aggregate</u>
Gallinules	Sept. 12-27	15	30
Nov. 8 - Jan. 7	Nov. 7-Dec. 30		

Beginning with the 1998-99 Hunting Season, anyone hunting migratory birds (dove, snipe, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots) will be required to have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit. The HIP Permits can be obtained, free of charge, from any license vendor upon completion of a short questionnaire.

Shooting Hours

- 1. Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- 2. Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT on Sept. 5-6, Oct. 17-18, and Dec. 12-13, when shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

1998-99 LICENSE FEES AND INFORMATION MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License.

RESIDENT HUNTING FEES
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)
2. Big Game (Required of all Deer and Turkey hunters
in addition to basic license)
3. Bow License
4. Muzzleloader License\$10.50
5. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (State Duck Stamp)\$5.50
6. Universal License (Res. Fishing, Saltwater, Basic Hunting,
Big Game, Bow, Muzzleloader)
7. Wild Louisiana Stamp
8. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters
in addition to basic and big game licenses)
9. Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 Day)
10. Harvest Information Program Stamp
All persons hunting migratory game birds (doves,ducks, geese, woodcock,rails, snipe,
coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to other appropriate
licenses.
NON-RESIDENT HUNTING FEES
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)\$86.00
2. 5-Day Trip (Excluding Big Game)
3. Non-Resident All Game (Basic Hunting and Big Game)\$160.50
4. Non-Resident All Game-Trip (5 days)
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LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

Lifetime hunting and lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses include basic hunting, big game hunting, muzzleloader, bow hunting, state waterfowl stamp, and turkey stamp.

1. Resident Hunting; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
2. Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$500.00
Under age 14	\$300.00
3. Resident Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
4. Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing	\$3,000.00

OTHER FEES

Commercial Hunting Preserve (pen-raised birds only); Expires	
June 30	\$200.00
Game Breeder (Raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild	
game quadrupeds); Expires December 31	\$25.00

EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

A. The following recreational fishermen and hunters are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license, big game license or migratory waterfowl conservation stamp, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing or hunting:

- 1. Residents 60 years of age or older
- 2. Residents and non-residents younger than 16 years of age
- B. The following recreational fishermen and hunters, upon identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department, shall be issued a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license and big game license without payment of any fees:
- 1. A resident who is a VETERAN of the armed forces or Louisiana National Guard, having a permanent SERVICE CONNECTED disability classification of fifty percent (50%) or more. Must submit form signed by parish service officer.
 - 2. A resident who is blind, paraplegic or is a multiple amputee. Must submit doctor's statement.
- C. Persons in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and their resident dependents shall for licensing purposes, be given resident privileges.
- D. No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
- E. Any citizen of this state on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who is assigned to an active duty post located outside the State of Louisiana shall not be required to obtain a license or pay a fee to hunt and fish while visiting in the state, provided that he has in his possession proper written evidence that his absence from his active duty assignment is authorized. This exemption shall not apply to the migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This includes all non-commercial hunting and fishing licenses and recreational gear licenses.

Map, Permit and Enforcement Information

For enforcement information on regulations call Region 1 at 318/371-3049; Region 2 at 318/343-2417; Region 3 at 318/487-5634; Region 4 at 318/757-3072; Region 5 at 318/491-2588; Region 6 at 318/948-0257; Region 7 at 504/765-2999; and Region 8 at 504/447-0821.

Requests for information on maps, permits and WMAs may be directed to any district office: District 1, P.O. Box 915, Minden LA 71055, phone 318/371-3050; District 2, 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe LA 71203, phone 318/343-4044; District 3, 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville LA 71360, phone 318/487-5885; District 4, P.O. Box 426, Ferriday LA 71334, phone 318/757-4571; District 5, 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles LA 70601, phone 318/491-2575; District 6, 105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas LA 70570, phone 318/948-0255; or District 7, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000, phone 504/765-2360.

LA. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

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RESOLUTION LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 9, 1998.

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle Jr., Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Secretary, La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1998 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby amends its regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department-operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. Authority to establish regulations is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1998-99 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

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§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1998-99

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half

hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 14-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 3-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 3-Feb. 14	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 14-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Season Recommendations

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 25-Jan.31	Nov.21-Dec. 4 Jan. 9-Jan.24	Dec. 5-Dec.13 Dec. 19-Jan.8
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 17-Oct. 23 Jan. 4-Jan. 10	Oct. 24-Dec.4	Dec. 5-Jan. 3
3	Sept.19- Jan.19	Oct. 5-Oct. 9 Dec. 12-Dec. 18	Oct. 10-Dec.6 Dec. 19-Jan.3	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10	Nov. 21-Jan.3	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 4-Jan. 10 (Bucks Only)	Nov.21-Nov.29	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Nov. 20 Jan. 25-Jan. 31	Nov. 21-Dec.4	Dec. 5-Dec.13 Dec.19-Jan.24
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 3-Oct. 9 Jan. 18-Jan. 24	Oct.10-Oct.25 Nov. 21-Dec.6	Dec.12-Jan.17

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic	Season	Dates	Total	Exceptions	(Those	portions	of	the
(Days	Exceptions foll	owing p	parishes)		

1	Nov.21-22, 27-29 Dec.5-6, 12-13	9	Nov.21-22, 27-29 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Oct.24-25, Oct.31- Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6	11	Oct.24-25, Nov.27-29 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Oct.24-25, Nov.27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.10-11, 24-25, Oct.31-Nov.1, Nov.7-8, 27-29	11	Oct.10-11, Nov.27-29, Dec.5-6 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.21-22, 27-29	5	Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6, 12-13 (East CarrollThat portion lying between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6, 12-13	9	Nov.21-22, 27-29, Dec.5-6 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.10-11, Nov.21- 22, 27-29, Dec.12- 13	9	-

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1998-99 HUNTING SEASONS

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.



Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- Respect the environment and wildlife.
- Respect property and landowners.
- Show consideration for non-hunters.
- Hunt safely.
- Know and obey the law.
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

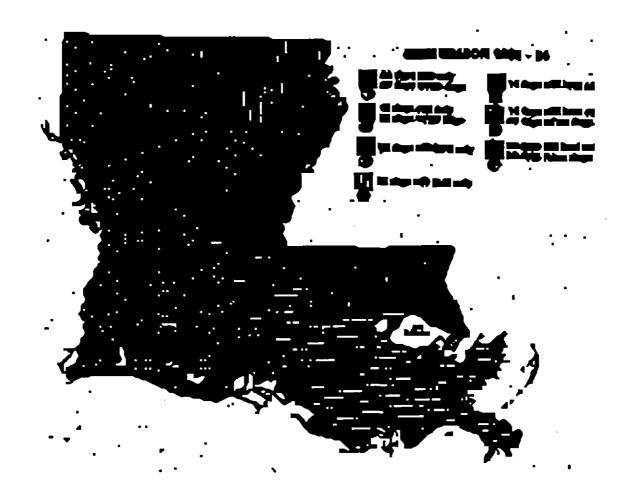
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Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season



AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	STILL HUNT	WITH OR WITH
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-13
		Jan. 25-31	Jan. 9-24	Dec. 19-Jan. 8
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-Jan. 3
 		Jan. 4-10		
3	Sept. 19-	Oct. 5-9	Oct. 10-Dec. 6	
<u> </u>	Jan. 19	Dec. 12-18	Dec. 19-Jan. 3	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-Jan. 3	
		Jan. 4-10		
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-29	
		Jan. 4-10		
i		(bucks only)		
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-20	Nov. 21-Dec. 4	Dec. 5-13
		Jan. 25-31		Dec. 19-Jan. 24
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10-25	Dec. 12-Jan. 17
		Jan. 18-24	Nov. 21-Dec. 6	

MODERN FIREARM EITHER SEX SEASONS

AREA 1	BASIC EITHER SEX SEASON DATES (see below for closed areas)	EXCEPT (Either-sex days are as follows in portions of the parishes listed)
1	Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13	Caldwell, Catahoula, Franklin and LaSalle parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 21-22, 27-29 <i>only.</i> Avoyelles, Grant and Rapides parish either-sex dates are Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6 <i>only.</i>
2	Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6	Caldwell, LaSalle parishes either-sex dates are Oct. 24-25, Nov. 27-29 <i>only.</i> Avoyelles parish either-sex dates are Oct. 24- 25, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6 <i>only.</i>
3	Oct. 10-11, 24-25, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7-8, 27-29	St. Landry Parish either-sex dates are Oct. 10-11, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6 <i>only.</i>
4	Nov. 21-22, 27-29	That portion of East Carroll lying between the Mississippi River Levee and to the Mississippi River either sex dates are: Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13 only.
5	None	
6	Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13	Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry parishes either-sex dates are Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 5-6 only.
7	Oct. 10-11, Nov. 21-22, 27-29, Dec. 12-13	None



OTHER SEASONS DATES

TURKEY:

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 1998.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM:

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS:

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depradators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

PHEASANT:

Nov. 14-Jan. 31. Bag limit 2 male only. Possession 4 males only. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes:

That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of Hwy. 90 to LA. 27, west of La 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Instracoastal waterway south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to LA 108, north and east of LA 108 from Gum Cove Road to Hwy 90, and south of Hwy 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

FALCONRY:

Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 28.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE: Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE: Deer clubs enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antierless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the ear or hock in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. For course information, call (504) 765-2932 or any district office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow and a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and waterfowl. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

- NUISANCE ANIMALS Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.
- THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearlshell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least yern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.
- UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase-only during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer.
 FOXES AND BOBCATS are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.
- HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.
- TAGS Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the ear or the hock of antierless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antierless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.
- SEX IDENTIFICATION Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkey taken during any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft, except that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement, or on or over any baited area). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON - No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS - No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT - No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE - All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING - No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- 1. The hunter's signature.
- 2. The hunter's address.
- 3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
- 4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS - Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING - No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT - No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION - For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP) - The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION - Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE - Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION - More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-in-Charge: Slidell (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (504) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 264-6630; Lake Charles (318) 437-7214; Monroe (318) 325-1735.

1998-99 GENERAL DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

- A. One antiered and one antierless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife
 Management Areas. Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit
 shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of
 take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than 22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.
- G. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s).

 Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer

seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

- H. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.
- I. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. See page 4 for specific hunting area dates. Specified WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters 16 years of age and older and less than 60 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleload segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile, including saboted bullets only and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnified scopes.

Archery Segment: Still hunting only; Oct, 1-Jan, 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area J. 3 where the season will be Sept. 19-Jan, 19. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters 16 and older and less than 60 years of age. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE SCHEDULE).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- 1. To carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.
- 2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.
- 3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
- HUNTER ORANGE: Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a K. total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".
- L. SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND: Oct. 10-11. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula Concordia Franklin

Tensas

East Baton Rouge Madison

East Feliciana St. Helena Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

Grant - East of U.S. 165 and South of La. 8.

<u>LaSalle</u> - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La.

127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to

Caldwell Parish line.

<u>Livingston</u> - North of I-12.

Rapides - East of US 165 and north of Red River.

St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to

Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terra WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

<u>Catahoula</u>- South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10.

North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, West of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959, east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier, westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, West of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction. with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish.

West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville Bossier

DeSoto Jackson

Sabine Union Winn

Caddo Webster Claiborne Lincoln

Natchitoches Red River

EXCEPT; Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; see page 40. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page 37 and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 still hunt only description shall be still hunting only.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen -North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

Avoyelles -That portion west of 1-49.

Beauregard -East of La. 113, Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of Deridder to Texas line.

Calcasieu -West of La. 27 north of Sulpher and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Caldwell -West of U.S. 165

Evangeline -All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south

of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

All EXCEPT that portion south of La., 8 and east of U.S.165. Grant -

Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

All EXCEPT south of La., 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 LaSalle from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of Morehouse -La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

All EXCEPT south of U. S. 80 and east of Quachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to Ouachita junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

Rapides -All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

Vernon -East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Claiborne and Webster: Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Ouachita: East of Ouachita River. Rapides: West of U. S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49

southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118

(Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

Vernon: East of Mora-Hutton road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop road, south and

east of Hillman Loop road to Comrade road, south of Comrade road to La. 465, east and

north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190

west of DeRidder to Texas line.

Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and

north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville,

and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Morehouse - East of U. S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of

La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134

and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - South of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of

La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension Assumption lberville

Plaquemines Pointe Coupee St. Bernard Lafourche

St. John St. Martin Jefferson

St. Charles St. James

West Baton Rouge

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avovelles -

South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

Evangeline -

That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte

and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

lberia -

East of U.S. 90.

Lafayette -

East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

<u>Livingston</u> -

South of I-12.

Rapides -

South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49

at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Landry -

East of U.S. 167.

St. Mary -

North of U.S. 90.

St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

Rapides -

South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

St. Bernard -

All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

St. John -

South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road), North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

St. Landry -

Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES. SEE PAGE 5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES

The following Parish is open:

<u>Terrebonne</u>

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

<u>[beria and St. Mary Parishes</u> - South of La. 14 and west U. S. Hwy. 90.

1998-99 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated EXCEPT as specified by state law.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Commercial operation must obtain permit from the District Office.

Nature trails - access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

PERMITS

DAILY:

Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area 2 hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area one hour after legal shooting time.

SELF CLEARING PERMITS: On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required all hunters must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP: Persons using WMA's or other department administered lands for non-consumptive purposes, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

YOUTH DEER HUNT: Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT special seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adult may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 17-18 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Bienville (portion), Loggy Bayou, Ouachita, Sabine, Salvador/Timken and West Bay; Nov. 7-8 on Boeuf, Pearl River, Red River, Dewey Wills (south of Diversion Canal only), Sherburne and Spring Bayou; Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required). Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves and Camp Beauregard WMA will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 10-11.

HANDICAPPED SEASON: For physically challenged permitted hunters only, Oct. 17-18, West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Bienville; Bens Creek Oct. 31-Nov. 1 (self-clearing permit required) and Bens Creek Nov. 7-8 (self-clearing permit required), Sherburne and a portion of Dewey Wills (north of Diversion Canal only). Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter program permit. Contact district office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 10-11.

LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER: Bayou Macon and Buckhorn WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for application is <u>Sept. 30, 1998</u>. A \$5 non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on both areas must check their deer out at a check station.

LOTTERY HUNTS. TURKEY: Dewey Wills, Georgia Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Tunica Hills, Sabine, Sicily Island Hills and Sherburne WMAs. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 1999. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for more details.

IRAPPING:

Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult 1998-99 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

RACCOON HUNTING:

A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during day-light hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs EXCEPT Pass-a-Loutre, Point-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL — Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. Raccoon bag limit is one per person per night for raccoon hunters on WMAs except as otherwise specified. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING:

Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl season on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien only in Cut Off Canal during day-time and nighttime, and trawling allowed in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, East Farms is by permit only. Permits are available from the Opelousas office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters.

SPORT FISHING: Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS: The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, West Carroll, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts EXCEPT for Elbow Slough in Rapides parish. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office

for specific information and any additional season dates.

Doves:

Same as outside EXCEPT open first split only and EXCEPT steel shot required on Elbow Slough.

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside.

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs and ATCs on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Management Area listing.

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from improved roads or their rights-of-way is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

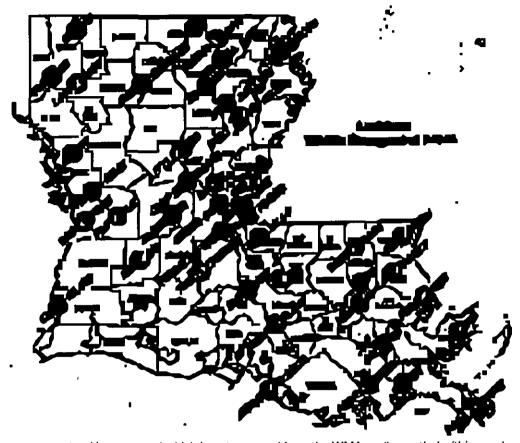
Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs but only during prescribed seasons and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.



A permanent stand is any stand which is not removed from the WMA or dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Stands removed from trees or laid on the ground are considered dismantled. All stands must be removed from the WMA one week after the close of deer season.

A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within one hour of the close of legal shooting hours. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress there from has ceased.

Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMA's.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador WMAs, and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress.

Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreation vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16 day period camps must be removed from the area for 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas.

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the waterfowl season until the close of rabbit season. On Pass-a-Loutre WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas during waterfowl season only. At all other times of the year, mooring period limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations or carried off by campers.

Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety <u>ALL</u> oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.



All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

Airboats, aircraft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs.

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. Except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All trails and roads designated as ATV only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through Sept. 15 and from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

1998-99 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS BASIC SEASON DATES

RESIDENT SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, AND QUAIL)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. Quail season closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow. All small game hunting closed on Tunica Hills and Alexander State Forest during the muzzleloader season. Consult the following WMA regulations for any other specific details. Also see Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien and Salvador/Timken for additional information.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except on Atchafalaya Delta and Pass-a-Loutre where shooting hours will be the same as outside. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Bodcau WMA, Pintail Alley on Ouachita WMA and the South Farm Complex of Sherburne WMA during either sex deer season. Consult the following WMA regulations for any other specific details, including Lottery Waterfowl Hunt requirements for Red River WMA.

MIGRATORY BIRDS (DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons and no hunting on unharvested agricultural fields. Consult the WMA regulations for any other specific details.

ARCHERY

Same as outside EXCEPT as noted in the following schedule. Also see Atchafalaya Delta, Pass a Loutre, Pointe au Chien and Salvador/Timken for specified dates.

HOGS

Hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, beginning with opening of archery season and closes Feb. 28. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

Outlaw quadrupeds and birds (Coyotes, armadillos, crows, blackbirds, starlings and beavers). During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA.

1998-99 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner — Office of Forestry-DNR-8,092 Acres. District 3.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, either sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex muzzleloader

hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. (Certain areas may be

closed as posted)

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads.

No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner-State of Louisiana-137,000 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: (Archery Only) Oct. 1-Oct. 31. and during the splits between the waterfowl season

for the west zone. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No

hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from

Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2:00 pm during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the sea

son

Rabbit:

Nov. 1-Feb. 28. Beagles permitted when duck season is

closed. No hunting in restricted areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner-State of Louisiana-26,300 Acres. District 6.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex.

BUCKS ONLY: Dec. 19-Jan. 3

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Small Game

& Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned-6,940 Acres.District 2.):

Deer:

Nov. 21-22, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result

of the preapplication Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to

have permit validated.

Archery:

All deer must be reported at Self Clearing station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs

Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-Feb. 1. Self Clearing Permit required.

All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned-1,400 Acres. District 1):

Deer:

Archery Only

All Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 9-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl:

Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting. Waterfowl Refuge closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping. Refuge marked with

"Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

All vehicles restricted to parish roads.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner-Cavenham Forest Industries Inc.-13,500 acres. District 7):

Area Closed:

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, to all hunters except Youth and

Handicapped Hunters.

Special season for Youth and

Oct . 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, entire area open to both groups. Permit required for Handicapped hunters must be obtained in

Handicapped hunters:

advance from District Office. Self Clearing Permit required for

youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-Jan 3, bucks only, Self Clearing

Permit required.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 5-11 and Jan. 4-17, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex mod-

ern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31, with dogs at night. No limit. Self Clearing Permit

required.

Unmarked

Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map).

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG LAKE (Department Owned-19,221 Acres, District 4.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29, and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18- Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Woodcock:

Same as outside.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

8. <u>BILOXI</u> (Owner—Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation-39,583 Acres. District 7.)

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.

Waterfowl &

Same as outside.

Migratory Game Birds:

9. BODCAU (Owner-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-32,471 Acres. District 1.):

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6. Either sex. No permit. Oct. 26-30, Nov. 2-6, 9-26, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Bucks only.

No permit.

All Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 9-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 9-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 9-Feb. 14, No Bag Limit (Dog Season Only).

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

10. BOEUF (Department Owned-47,864 Acres. District 4.)

Area Closed:

Nov. 7-8, to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer

Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricul-

tural fields.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

11. BOISE-VERNON (Boise-Cascade Company-54,269 Acres. District 5.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex.

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, either-sex daily permit required Oct. 26-Nov. 25, bucks only season permit. Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 30-Dec. 6, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game

&Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 9-

Feb. 14. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-Feb. 14, permit required from Lake Charles District office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle trav-

12. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 8,955 Acres, District 4.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result

of the preapplication Lottery.

Nov. 29, Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside. Except closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Dove hunting, prohibited in unharvested agricultural

fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

13. <u>CAMP BEAUREGARD</u>- (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 acres. District 3.) SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT.

Area closed Oct. 10-11 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone (318)-487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be recorded on self clearing checkout permit.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside, EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 9-Feb. 14. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles

permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Deer:

Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only, self clearing permit.

Youth Hunt:

Oct. 10-11, either sex, daily permit.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-6, either sex, Self Cleaning Permit required.

Fishing:

Special regulations to apply on Twin Lakes. Regulations will be

posted at entrance to lake.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters while deer hunting.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

All game harvested must be reported.

14. DEWEY W. WILLS- (Formerly Saline) (Department Owned-60,276 Acres. District 3.):

Closed Season:

Nov. 7-8 to all hunters except youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season: Nov. 7-8. That portion of the area north of the diversion canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters. A special permit shall be required from the District Office. Permit application must be in

District Office by Nov. 1, 1998.

Special Youth Hunt:

Nov. 7-8. That portion of the area south of the diversion canal

shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-6, either sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 18-Feb. 28** and squirrel hunting

with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex

gun hunts and hunting after 2 p.m.prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free-

ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north

of Hwy. 28.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

15. FORT POLK (Owner-U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service-109,855 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or 318-513-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making Devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm.

Deer:

Oct. 24-Nov. 25, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.

Nov. 27-29 either-sex Daily Permits.

Dec. 7-18 bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 19-20 either sex, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 21-25, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 26-27, either sex, Self Clearing Permit.
Dec. 28-Jan. 3, bucks only Self Clearing Permit

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 5-6, either sex, Self Clearing Permit, Special

Permit, Building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803. Either-sex deer legal **Sept. 19-Jan.19**. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Small Game

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel dogs permitted Jan. 9-Feb. 14.

Unmarked hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept.19-Feb. 28.

Fishing:

Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific

lakes.

16. <u>GEORGIA-PACIFIC</u> (Owner-Georgia-Pacific Corporation-25,480 Acres. District 2.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18, to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex. Daily Permit required.

Deer:

Oct. 24-Nov. 1, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

NOV. 30-Dec. 6, either sex, Self Clearing permit Required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting Jan. 18-Feb. 14. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles permit

ted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

17. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned-13,297 Acres. District 6.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Sáme as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy

Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters

or Opelousas District Office.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

18. <u>JACKSON-BIENVILLE</u> (Owner—Willamette Industries, et al- 32,000 Acres. District 1.): Self-clearing permits are required to hunt on Jackson-Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the Oct. 24-25 either-sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through Sept.15.

Closed Season:

Oct. 17-18, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters except

youth and handicapped hunters

Special Season for Youth and Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 17-18 for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact District office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped permit must be obtained in advance from District Office. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Field Office on North Road.

Note: Daily permits for the Oct. 24 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the field office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Ansley Daily Permit Check Station has been moved to Ansley on U.S. Hwy. 167 and the North Daily Permit Check Station has been moved to the Field Office on North Road.

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, either sex, Daily Permit required. Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required, all deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Check Stations. Nov. 23-26, Dec. 19-Jan. 3, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required. All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing stations.

Deer killed on the following weekends must be weighed at the Field Office on North Road. Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 19-20, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3.

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Oct. 24-25. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 9-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 9-Feb.14. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Quail:

Nov. 14-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

Jan. 9-Feb. 14, no bag limit (Dog Season Only).

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28. All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit Station or Daily

Permit Station.

19. JOYCE- (Department Owned-15,609 acres. District 7.):

Deer:

Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader:

Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Small Game

Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

& Waterfowl:

Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting Swamp Walk:

allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule

and use walk way at your own risk.

20. LAKE RAMSAY (Department Owned-800 Acres. District 7.):

Deer:

Archery only. Oct 1 - Jan. 31.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Quail & Woodcock:

Same as outside.

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

21. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned-2,944 Acres. District 3.):

Deer:

Oct. 24-Nov. 1, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-6, either sex.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31.

Small Game & Waterfowl; Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted

Jan. 9-Feb. 14, Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

22. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned-4,213 Acres. District 1.) Self Clearing Permit required for all

persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the check station at the camp

ground.

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA general regulations for Hunt requirements. All other activities

CLOSĚD.

Archery:

Self Clearing Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit

available at main campground only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 30-Dec. 6, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during daily permit either-sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles permitted for rabbits

Jan. 9-Feb. 28. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 9-Feb 14.

Waterfowl

Same as outside except hunting after 2 pm prohibited and closed

Nov 27-29. Self Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon:

Jan. 9-Feb. 14, no bag limit (dog season only). Self Clearing Permit

required.

23. MANCHAC (Department Owned-8,325 Acres. District 7.):

Deer (archery only):

Same as Outside. Unmarked hogs may be taken by properly

licensed archery hunters during archery season.

Small Game

Same as outside. EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibit-

& Waterfowl:

ed. Steel shot required for rails, snipes and gallinules.

Crabs:

No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

24. OUACHITA (Department Owned-8,745 Acres. District 2.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge:

North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 19-Jan. 3, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Waterfowl:

South of La. Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting

after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 18-Feb. 28**.

Raccoon:

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 31-Nov. 15, Jan. 18-Feb. 7, no bag limit. Permit

required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish:

April 1-May 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing

prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing:

Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

25. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned-66,000 Acres. District 8.):

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside.

Archery:

Oct. 1-Jan 31. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre

headquarters.

Rabbit:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted when duck and archery

season are closed.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed deer hunters during the Archery

Season (archery only).

Commercial Mullet

Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT **Sept. 1-Jan. 31**, commercial mullet fishing open <u>only</u> in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

26. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned-34,896 Acres. District 7.):

Closed Season:

Nov. 7-8 to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at

Self Clearing Permit station.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-Jan. 3, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 5-11. Jan. 4-17, either sex. All deer and hogs must be report

ed at Self Clearing check station.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb 28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 18-Feb.14.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and

EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge area. Closed north of U.S. Hwy. 90 during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Oct. 3-18 and Jan. 18-31, Self Clearing Permit required. No Raccoon:

bag limit at night with dogs.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00

27. PEASON RIDGE (Owner—U.S. Army—33,488 Acres. District 5.):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or 318/531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm).

Deer:

Oct. 24-Nov. 25 bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits. Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self-Clearing Permits. Dec. 7-18, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits. Dec. 19-20, either sex, Self-Clearing Permits. Dec. 21-25, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits. Dec. 26-27, either-sex Self-Clearing Permits. Dec. 28-Jan. 3, bucks only Self-Clearing Permits.

Dec. 5-6, either sex, Self Clearing Permits required. Special Muzzleloader:

Permits, building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks-only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel dogs permitted Jan. 9-

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

28. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned 30,037 Acres. District 8.):

Hunting until 2:00 pm on ALL GAME; EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below.

Deer: Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-13 bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting

allowed on Point Farm property (archery only).

Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 26, either sex.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and

gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season

segment.

Dove:

Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise

morning hunting only.

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sundown to 11/2hours before sunrise.

29. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned-7,064 Acres. District 6.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Either sex, Jan. 4-10.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Migratory Game Birds

& Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during

waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish:

Apr. 1-July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets

left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

30. RED RIVER (Department Owned-24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-11,717 Acres. District 4.):

Area Closed:

Nov. 7-8 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex.

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modem firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunt for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Portions of area (Yakey Farm) restricted to pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 25, 1998. Contact district office for details. Waterfowl hunting only allowed during waterfowl season on this portion. Crawfishing prohibited on wetland restoration projects.

Dove:

Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields and EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun

hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters Oct.1 -Feb. 28..

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

31. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 17,280 Acres. District 2.):

Deer: Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 19-Jan. 3 bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-4, either-sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during

waterfowl season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for

deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Oct. 1-16, Oct. 31-Nov. 15 and Jan. 18-Feb. 7, no bag limit. Permit

required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

32. SABINE (Owner -- International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al-14,780 Acres. District 3.):

Area Closed: Oct. 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 17-18, either sex.

Deer: Oct. 24-25, Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Oct. 26-Nov. 25, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 17-20, either sex.

Small Game Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm & Waterfowl: gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 18-Feb. 28**

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 18-Feb. 28 and dogs permitted for squirrels, Jan. 9-Feb. 14. Waterfowl hunting

after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Jan. 18-31.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28..

33. <u>SABINE ISLAND</u> (Owner-State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board-8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 9-Feb.14.

Deer: Same as Area 2 deer season except still hunt only.

Raccoon: Jan. 9-Feb.14, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

34. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned-30,600 Acres. District 8.):

Hunting until 2 p.m. only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area 1½ hours before sunrise and leave the area 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

Area Closed:

Oct 17-18 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 17-18, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt

regulations.

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Daily Permit.

Dec. 7-20, bucks only.

Muzzieloader:

Dec. 5-6, either sex.

Archery:

Oct. 1- Dec. 4, either sex.

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for

deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun

hunts for deer.

All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel

shot required for Gallinule hunting.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower rating above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands ponds including the West Canal, lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie du Cabange" and the Rathborne Access ditch.

35. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned-3,397 Acres. District 7.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex. Self Clearing Permit Required.

Nov. 29, bucks only. Dec. 12-27, bucks only.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 27-28. Beagles permitted

for rabbit hunting Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Quail & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens Nov. 16 (Monday) and closes Jan. 31 and EXCEPT closed Nov. 27-28. Self Clearing

Permit required.

Dove:

Same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on northern tract during the opening weekend of the first segment (Sept. 5-6). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. pro

hibited.

Bird Dog Training:

Sept. 7-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1-March 2 EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only.

Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials:

Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.

Horseback Riding:

Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials and during the spring turkey season. No horses on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles allowed off parish roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

36. <u>SHERBURNE</u> (Department Owned-11,780 Acres; U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service-15,220 Acres; U. S. Army Corps of Engineers -15,690 Acres. District 6.):

Area Closed:

Nov. 7-8, except to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped

Deer Hunt:

Nov. 7-8, either sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from District

Offices. Youth Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit

Stations,

Deer:

Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6, either sex. Daily permit required.

Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only. Self clearing permit.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **Jan. 18-Feb 28**.

Dogs permitted for squirrels, Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited, and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm may have additional restrictions on migratory bird hunting. Contact the District Office for details.

Woodcock;

Same as outside. Except closed during modern firearm either-sex

gun hunts for deer. Self Clearing Permit required.

Dove:

Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either sex

gun hunt for deer.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31, permit required from WMA headquarters or Opelousas

office.

Crawfishing:

April 1-July 31, permits required, for East Farms from Area

Headquarters.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office (504-765-2931). No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

37. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned-7,098 Acres. District 4.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 29, Dec.26-Jan 3., bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Quail & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

38. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District-1,300 Acres. District 1.):

Waterfowl Refuge: No hunting or trapping permitted. Sport fishing permitted Apr. 1-Aug. 31. All vehicular traffic restricted to improved roads. No ATVs or ATCs allowed. Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.)

39. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned-12,078 Acres. District 6.):

Area Closed: Nov. 7-8, except to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 7-8, either sex.

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 4-10, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunting for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and

EXCEPT no hunting in refuge area during duck season.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop

nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl

season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during

waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

40. THISTLETHWAITE (Thistlethwaite Heirs-11,100 Acres. District 6.):

Deer: Nov. 27-28, either sex. Daily permit. Nov. 29-Dec. 13, bucks only.

Muzzleloader Dec. 21-27, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm & Woodcock: gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. pro-

hibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28..

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

No entry into restricted areas.

41. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned-23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-1,085 Acres. District 4.):

Deer:

Nov. 27-28, either sex, Daily Permit required. Nov. 29 and Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 3-4, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits. Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Quail, Snipe

& Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm

gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dove:

Same as outside EXCEPT prohibited in unharvested agricultural

fields and EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-Feb. 7.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

42. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned-3,366 Acres. District 7.):

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 14-Dec. 6, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing

Permit station.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 14-Dec. 6.

Woodcock:

Same as outside except closed during muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. ATV trails open Sept. 15-Feb. 1, closed remainder of year. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

43. UNION (Plum Creek Timber Co., La. Correctional Facilities Corp. et al — 12,852 Acres. District 2):

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31- Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, and Dec. 5-6

either sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game

& Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 18-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

44. WEST BAY (Boise Cascade Company, Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Company, et al- 62,115 Acres. District 5.):

Area Closed:

Oct. 17-18, To all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped

hunters.

Special season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Oct. 17-18 for handicapped and youth hunters only. Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the District Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping

area permit station on Hwy, 112.

Deer:

Oct. 24-25, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 27-29, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Oct. 26-Nov. 25, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 30-Dec. 6, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **Jan. 18-Feb. 28**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted, **Jan. 9-Feb. 14**. Waterfowl

hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon:

Jan. 18-31, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

45. WISNER (Owner-Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee-21,621 Acres. District 8.):

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season.

Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl & All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Except Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District

Deer: Oct. 17-18 Either sex, muzzleloader Oct. 24-25 Either sex, still hunt only Oct. 26-Nov. 2 Bucks only, still hunt only Nov. 21-26 Bucks only, still hunt only Nov. 27 Either sex, still hunt only Bucks only, still hunt only Nov. 28-29 Either sex, with or without dog Dec. 5 Dec. 6 Bucks only, with or without dogs Dec. 26-30 Bucks only, with or without dogs

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Vernon Parish excluding Fort Polk WMA

Deer: Oct. 17-18 Either sex, muzzleloader Oct. 24-25 Either sex, still hunt only Oct. 26-Nov. 2 Bucks only, still hunt only Bucks only, still hunt only Nov. 21-26 Either sex, still hunt only Nov. 27 Nov. 28-29 Bucks only, still hunt only Dec. 5-6 Bucks only, still hunt only Bucks only, still hunt only

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne parishes

Deer*: Same as outside (Area 2) Except still hunt only.

*See Area 2 on page 5 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne parishes.

All other game — same as outside.

Dec. 26-30

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticemet for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, except by special permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noisemaking devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn parishes) Season Permit, additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer: Oct. 10-11 Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit.

> Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest

Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 17-18 Either sex, muzzleloader

Oct. 24-25 Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 27 Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 28-29 Bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside except beagles permitted for rabbit. Jan. 18-Feb. 28 only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the management preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside except squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Raccoons: Dogs permitted Jan 18-31.

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner: Kisatchie National Forest — 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit Additionally, daily permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 10-11

Either-sex special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, daily permit. Special permit must be obtained in advance from Forest

Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 17-18

Either sex, muzzleloader.

Oct. 24-25

Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 27

Either sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 28-29

Bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

Rabbit:

Same as outside except beagles permitted for rabbit. Jan. 18-Feb. 28 only.

Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have rec

ognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the management preserve.

Squirrel:

Same as outside except squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Raccoons: Dogs permitted Jan 18-31.

All Other Game: Consult regulations pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360. Phone: (318) 473-7160. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU AREA: 15,006 acres within St. Landry Parish.

Annual hunting permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers headquar ters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, call 318/585-0854 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified:

Area closed Nov. 7-8 EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth &Handicapped

Nov. 7-8-, either sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

Deer Hunt:

Deer:

Nov. 27-29, either sex. Dec. 5-6, either sex.

Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 14-20, either sex. Jan. 25-31, Bucks only.

Archery:

Same as outside. Self Clearing Deer Tag is required to be filled out and dropped in any drop box on the property before harvested deer

can leave the property. (See map for box location).

Squirrel/Rabbit:

Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during modern firearm eithersex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Feb. 1-28.

Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 4-24.

Woodcock & Snipe: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during Modern Firearm Either Sex

Gun Hunts for deer.

Raccoon:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during deer gun hunts.

Permit required for Night Hunting.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag	Possession Limit
Doves	•	12	24
Snipe		8	16
Woodcock		3	6
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged, Cinnamon)		4	8
King & Clapper Rails		15 in the aggregate	30
Sora & Virginia Rails		25 in the aggregate	25 in the aggregate
Gallinules Nov. 8 - Jan. 7		15	30

Beginning with the 1998-99 Hunting Season, anyone hunting migratory birds (dove, snipe, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots) will be required to have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit. The HIP Permits can be obtained, free of charge, from any license vendor upon completion of a short questionnaire.

Shooting Hours

- 1. Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- 2. Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT on ???? ???? and ???? when shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

1998-99 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

Turkey

General Gun

To be determined at a later date

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Squirrel (No Dogs)

General Gun

Oct 3 - Dec 18 (closed during deer

gun hunts)

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Squirrel (With / Without Dogs)

General Gun

Dec 21 / Feb 7

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Rabbit (No Dogs)

General Gun

Oct 3 - Dec 18 (closed during deer

gun hunts)

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Rabbit (With / Without Dogs)

General Gun

Dec 21 - Feb 7

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Raccoon **Species:** General Gun Type Hunt: Dec 21 - Feb 7 Season: State Regulations Bag Limits: Season Permit on Brochure Permits: Significant Changes: None Either-sex Deer **Species:** Type Hunt: Archery Oct. 31-Jan 31 (closed during deer Season: gun hunts) State Regulations Bag Limits: Season Permit on Brochure Permits: Significant Changes: None Either-sex Deer Species: Youth Type Hunt: Nov 14-15 7-8 Season: Bag Limits: State Regulations Season Permit on Brochure. Proof Permits: of Hunter Education Certification Required. Significant Changes: None **Either-sex Deer** Species: Limited Youth Type Hunt: Season: Dec 28 -29 State Regulations Bag Limits: Limited permit hunt. Proof Permits: of Hunter Education Certification Required. This is a new hunt designed to Significant Changes: control deer numbers in the Greenlea Bend Ag Unit. Either-sex Deer Species: Type Hunt: Muzzleloader

> Nov 30 - Dec 4 State Regulations

None

Season Permit on Brochure

Season:

Permits:

Bag Limits:

Significant Changes:

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

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Species:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

Either-sex Deer

General Gun - 1

Nov 27 - 28

State Regulations

Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)

None

Either-sex Deer

General Gun - 2

Dec 19 - 20

State Regulations

Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)

None

Waterfowl

General Gun

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and

Sunday until noon during state

season.

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Hogs

General Gun and Archery

Open during squirrel, rabbit, and archery season. Closed during general gun hunts, muzzleloader

hunt, turkey hunts, and raccoon

hunts.

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None

Woodcock

General Gun

Dec 21 - 100 Jan 3/

State Regulations

Season Permit on Brochure

None



CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 1998 HUNT SEASON

Species: Either-sex deer Type hunt: Archery Season: All dates of October Bag limit: State regulations Permits: Season permits required Other requirements: Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program. Stands: Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year. Firearms: None are allowed Check stations: All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station. Significant changes: None Youth Waterfowl Hunt: Tentative 1998 Species: Waterfowl (ducks & geese)

Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied Type hunt: by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west Season: zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays. Bag limit: State regulations Permits: One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing. All youth participants must have proof Other requirements: of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state

Significant changes:

Firearms:

hunter education course.

This will be the first year for youth

hunts on Cameron Prairie NWR. Shotguns with approved non-toxic

shot.

Paulpalayse

CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 1998 HUNT SEASON

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion
•	for the International Bowhunters
	Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used
	And must be removed by October
	31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be
	checked at a self-clearing check
	station.
Significant changes:	None
·	t
Youth Waterfow	l Hunt: Tentative 1998
Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied
	by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west
•	zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2
	days during Thanksgiving &
	Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through
	lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth participants must have proof
	of completion of Louisiana hunter
	education course or accepted state
	hunter education course.
Significant changes:	This will be the first year for youth
<u> </u>	hunts on Cameron Prairie NWR.

Shotguns with approved non-toxic

shot.

Firearms:

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D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES PROPOSED SEASONS, 1998-99* **

Species: Waterfowl (ducks and coots)

Season: Mornings only during State season

Baq Limit: State regulations

Significant Changes: Adding 3,000+ acres to waterfowl hunting

on Mollicy Unit of Upper Ouachita NWR

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,

Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel

and rabbit hunting after the last

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refuge deer gun season State season

Season:
Bag Limit:

State regulations

Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon and opossum

Type Hunt: General

Season: January only (may also take raccoons and

opossum during rabbit season)

Bag Limit: State regulations

Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer

Type Hunt: Archery

Season: State season

Bag Limit: State regulations

Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer

Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)

Season: Five days within the Union Parish

either-sex season (November 7-8,

November 27-29)

Bag Limit: State regulations

Significant Changes: None

- * the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit
- ** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the above seasons

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Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

1998-99 Proposed Hunting Regulations

Species:

Early Teal Season

Type Hunt:

General

Season:

Hunters will be allowed to hunt on the refuge only

on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays until 12:00 noon

during the state season for the Western Zone.

Bag Limit:

Same as State

Permits:

Sabine NWR Hunting Permit

Significant Changes:

None

Species:

Waterfowl (Restricted to Ducks, Geese and Coots)

Type Hunt:

General

Season:

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on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays until 12:00 noon

during the state season for the Western Zone.

Bag Limit:

Same as State

Permits:

Sabine NWR Hunting Permit

Significant Changes:

None

Species:

Waterfowl (Restricted to Ducks, Geese and Coots)

Type Hunt:

Youth Hunt

Season:

Same as State **

Bag Limit:

Same as State

Permits:

Sabine NWR Hunting Permit

Significant Changes:

None

** The refuge had a total of four youth hunters this season. There could be several explanations for this low number of youth hunters. First, we had a very long season and the hunters were basically tired of hunting and didn't want to bring kids out. Second, the last couple of weeks the birds seemed to be decoy shy and simply harder to hunt than the first part of the season. Sabine NWR staff feel that if the youth hunt was before or after the 1st split youth hunter participation would be much greater on the refuge.



LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1998/99 SEASON

Migratory Game Birds

Species:

Waterfowl.

Type Hunt:

General gun.

Season:

Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during

State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for

western zone.

Bag Limit:

Same as state bag limits.

Permits:

Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and

in hunter's possession.

Significant Changes:

None.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
- 2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
- 3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
- 4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
- 5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
- 6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
- 7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
- 8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
- 9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
- 10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
- 11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1998/99 SEASON

Big Game

Species:

Deer, either sex.

Type Hunt:

Archery.

Season:

October 1 through 31.

Bag Limit:

One deer of either sex per day.

Permits:

Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and

in hunter's possession.

Significant Changes:

None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
- 2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
- 3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
- 4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
- 5. No firearms allowed.
- 6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
- 7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 15; Unit A boats without motors from Oct. 1 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool no limitation on motors Oct. 1 31; and Marshes boats without motors Oct. 1 31.

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1998-99

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Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: First day of State season through October 31

Bag Limit: State regulations

Permits: Season permit and daily bag report

Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon

incidental)

Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season

Bag Limit: State regulations (either-sex)
Permits: Season permit and daily bag report

Significant Changes: None

SMALL GAME SEASON

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1997</u>		<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Days Open	27	28	Days Open	123	101*
Visits	392	365	Visits	552	318
Hours Hunted	1254	835	Hours Hunted	2515	1183
Squirrels	693	334	Deer	8	8
Rabbits	9	0	(Sex)	(6D, 2B)	(2D, 6B)
Raccoons	3 ^.	24	Cripples	4 .	0
Hogs	· 6	1	Hogs	7	4

* Season closed 22 days early due to flooding.

No.		Ave.	#
<u>Deer</u>	<u>Age</u>	wt.	<u>Points</u>
2	1/2 yr	85 lbs	BB,2
3	1 1/2 yr	127 lbs	2,6,6
2	2 1/2 yr	140 lbs	6, -
1	3 1/2 yr	120 lbs	-, - ⁻

NOTE: All ages and weights

estimated by hunters on

signout sheets.

BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 1998-99 HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES: Type Hunt: Season:	RABBIT AND SQUIRREL General Gun Oct. 3 - Nov. 6
Bag Limits: Permits: Significant Changes:	Jan. 23 - Feb. 7, 1999 State Regulations General Permits None
SPECIES: Type Hunt: Season: Bag Limits: Permits:	DEER (EITHER SEX) Archery Nov. 7 - Nov. 27 Dec. 4 - Jan. 22, 1999 State Regulations General Permits
Significant Changes:	Added 2 weeks
SPECIES: Type Hunt: Season: Bag Limits: Permits: Significant Changes:	DEER (EITHER SEX) General Gun (Youth Hunt) Nov. 28 - 29 State Regulations General Permits New Hunt
SPECIES: Type Hunt: Season: Bag Limits: Permits: Significant Changes:	DEER (EITHER SEX) Muzzleloader Nov. 30 - Dec. 3 State Regulations General Permits None
SPECIES: Type Hunt: Season: Bag Limits: Permits:	WOODCOCK General Gun Jan. 23 - Jan. 31, 1999 State Regulations General Permits

Significant Changes:

None

LAKE OPHELIA NWR PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1998/9

Small Game

Acres open: 8200

Dates/days open: First Sat in Oct to 31 Oct 1998, during refuge waterfowl season. Significant changes: Addition of the days during the refuge waterfowl season. Increase

in acres available from 6000 to 8200.

Archery Deer

Acres open: 8200

Dates/days open: 01 Nov to 31 Jan 1999 (closed during refuge youth shotgun and muzzleloader deer hunts and entire second split of state waterfowl season).

Significant changes: Increase in acres available from 6000 to 8200.

Youth Shotoun Deer Hunt

Acres open: 8200

Dates/days open: 07-08 Nov

Significant changes: Season opening outside state gun deer season to increase participation/success. Increase in acres available from 6000 to 8200.

Muzzleloader

Acres open: 8200

Dates/days open: 05-13 December

Significant changes: Hunt will be conducted by lottery. Days open increased from seven to nine. Hunt will consist of eight 200-slot sub-hunts: two hunt areas with three two-day and one three-day hunt. Increase in acres available from 6000 to 8200.

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Acres open: 8200

Dates/days open: Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun during the second split of the state waterfowl season. This season is applicable for woodcock and swipe.

Significant changes: Increase in acres available from 6000 to 8200.

Smooth Game (rabbits & squirrels) Dog Season Dates (February a proposed) 1-7 (squirrels (February 1-28 for rabbits)

AP 2/25/98

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1998-1999

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 2-17 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 27-1 (either sex), November 21-26, November 29, December 12-20 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of

the state deer season. Steel shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of

the state deer season. Steel shot only.

Raccoon: January 19 - February 28 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

19-27

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Steel shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 19 - February 28, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

7AP 2/25/98

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1998-1999

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season,

includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of

the state deer season. Shotguns only, steel shot only, shot size ## or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of

the state deer season. Shotguns only, steel shot only, shot size ## or smaller.

Snipe: State Season. Steel shot only, shot size ## or smaller - recognized breeds of

setter/retriever only.

Woodcock: State Season. Steel shot only, shot size ## or smaller - recognized breeds of

setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

7AP 2/25/98

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1998-1999

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons,

includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28. Shotguns only,

steel shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

February 27, 1998

To: Mike Olinde

From: CR Newland

Re: Hunting seasons on Elbow Slough

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required since the area is a waterfowl refuge. No other hunting is allowed at this time.

RE: Big Colewa Bayou WMA Hunting Seasons for 1998-99

Doves: Same as outside Except open first split only

Quail and Woodcock: Same as outside

Rabbit and Squirrel: Same as outside Except still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 18-

Feb. 28

No dog training permitted

All other seasons closed

No vehicles and no ATVs permitted

HUTCHINSON CREEK WMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS 1998-99

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping on area.

AVERY ISLAND DEER SEASONS

Area 7 season dates but either-sex the entire season.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 7-9, November 14-15, 1998.

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

- 1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
- 2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 14 years ago it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in the Avondale area had very early rut similar that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similiar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vunerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

MEMORANDUM:

TO:

Mike Olinde

FROM:

John B. Robinette, District V Wildlife Supervisor

SUBJECT: Hunting Seasons on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's

Hunting Seasons on Wal-Nut Hill and Marsh Bayou WMA's for 1998-99 will run concurrent with statewide hunting seasons in their portion of the state.

TO: Mike Olinde, Wildlife Division Programs Manger

FROM: Steve John Hebert, Wildlife Division Region I Supervisor

DATE: March 2, 1998

TOPIC: Season Framework for Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) and Louisiana Army

Ammunition Plant (LAAP)

The following is the regular special hunting season framework for both areas. The seasons are set by their wildlife consultants and the respective base commanders.

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Bossier Parish - All season are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Bossier and Webster Parishes - All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

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Thomas M. Gattle Jr., Chairman Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS 1998-99 Hunting Seasons FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

OR

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days

September 5 (Sat.)-13 (Sun) 9 days
October 17 (Sat.)-November 16 (Mon.) 31 days
December 12 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.) 30 days

Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24

Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 5 (Sat.)-September 13 (Sun.) 9 days
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Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL: September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) 16 days

Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

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GALLINULES: Split Season

September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) 16 days November 7 (Sat.)-December 30 (Wed.) 54 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

SNIPE: November 7 (Sat.)-February 21 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16 107 days

WOODCOCK: December 18 (Fri)-January 31 (Sun.) 45 days

Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One half hour before sunrise to sunset except on Sept. 5-6, Oct. 17-18, and Dec. 12-13 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jenkins, Commission members, ladies and gentlemen The Wildlife Division is here today to recommend tentative season dates for migratory birds that fall within the early season framework established by the USFWS. Last month the USFWS met and established tentative framework for dove, snipe, woodcock, rail, gallinule and the early teal season. It should be stressed that these frameworks are tentative and will not be officially adopted by the FWS until next month (August). In response to these frameworks, the wildlife division has prepared recommendations and provided each of you with a copy of these. Season dates adopted today will be forwarded to the USFWS as Louisiana's selection prior to the deadline of August 1. Unless significant changes occur at the Federal level these dates will be officially adopted at the August Commission meeting.

Now I would like to go through a short slide presentation that has the Division's recommendations for early season migratory birds. The first recommendation is for dove season. The framework is unchanged from last year with the Service recommending two options. These options are a 60 day season with a 15 bird bag or a 70 day season with a 12 bird bag. The Wildlife Division has developed recommendations for both options.

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Shooting hours are the same as last year with noon to sunset on all opening weekends and one half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

A few years ago, it was stated at a commission meeting that since dove hunters are fairly evenly split with respect to season length that consideration be given to alternating years with 60 or 70 days seasons. If this is the commission wish, then this would be the year to go with a 60 day option. At the end of this presentation,

the commission can decide what is there preference.

There is good news this year with respect to teal season. Blue wing breeding population are at record highs with 6.7 million breeders in the survey area. Many of you may have heard rumors that we were going to get a longer teal season. Well these are not rumors and we will be able to hunt teal for 16 days in September. The Wildlife division recommendations for teal season are

TEAL: September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) 16 days

Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

Framework for rail and gallinules remain unchanged from last year. The rail and gallinule seasons are to be split this year with a 16 day season in September to correspond with the September Teal Season. The seasons will reopen on Nov. 7 (Sat) and run through Dec 30 (wed). Bag limits for rails are the same as last year with king and clappers being 15 and 30 while Virginia and sora is 25 in the aggregate. Gallinule bag limits are 15 and 30. This structure will allow for the maximum days allowable under the framework.

The USFWS has maintained the restrictive frameworks for woodcock for this year. Like last year, the season length will be 45 days with a bag limit of 3 birds.

With this framework, the wildlife division is recommending a season of December 18 (Fri)-January 31 (Sun.) With a Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

Recommendations for the snipe season WILL open on Nov. 9 (Sat) and run for 107 days through Feb. 23. Bag limit is unchanged from last year with 8 and 16 respective.

Gentlemen those are the recommendations of the Wildlife Division. If you would like to discuss any of the seasons I'll be more that happy to answer any questions. I also have a resolution that you will need to act on.

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ACTION/INFO
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James H. Jenkins, Jr. Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Post Office Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 (504)765-2800

June 25, 1998

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr. Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Johnnie Tarver

FROM:

Hugh A. Bateman #13

SUBJECT:

Early Migratory Bird Season Recommendations

Meetings of the Fish and Wildlife Service this week on early migratory bird seasons have shown no major changes in the framework, with the exception of possibly extending the teal from 9 days to 16 days. Our request to extend the framework for dove hunting to January 20 was denied.

The Wildlife Division's recommendations for early migratory bird seasons that include dove, September teal, snipe, rail, gallinules and woodcock are attached and will be presented at the upcoming meeting. For the most part these recommendations are the same as last year except updated for the calendar.

As in the past these dates will be established tentatively at the July Commission meeting with formal adoption at the August meeting. It should be understood that if these dates are adopted as tentative dates at the July meeting, they will be the actual dates for the 1998-99 hunting season unless significant changes occur at the USFWS level. This is because the Department must submit our selection dates before the next Commission meeting. (See attached Resolution)

cc:

Tommy Prickett Mike Olinde Robert Helm Winton Vidrine

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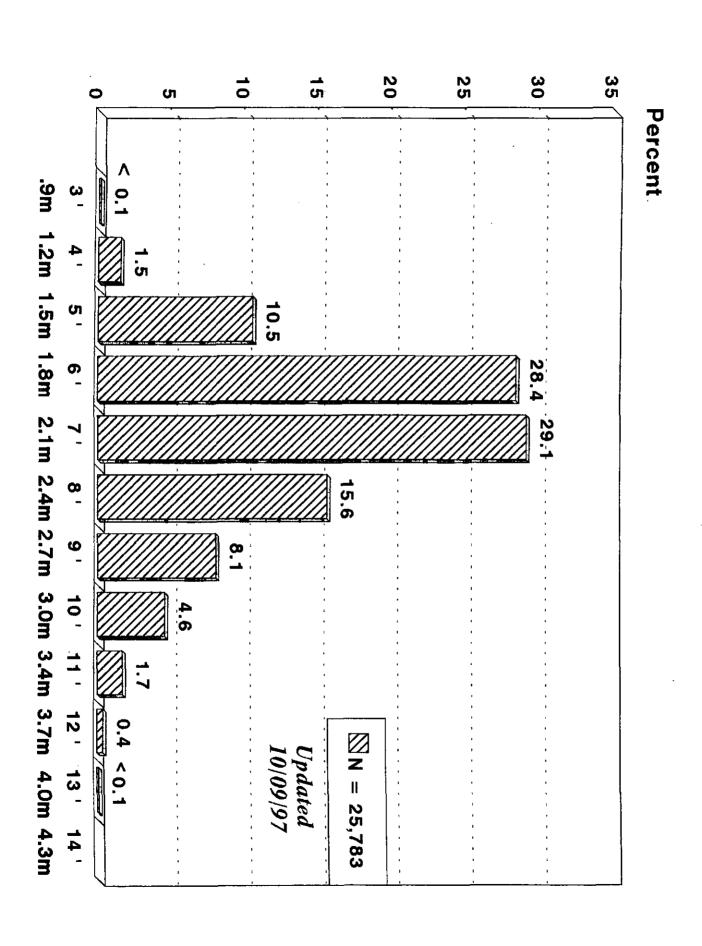
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- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle Jr., Chairman Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries



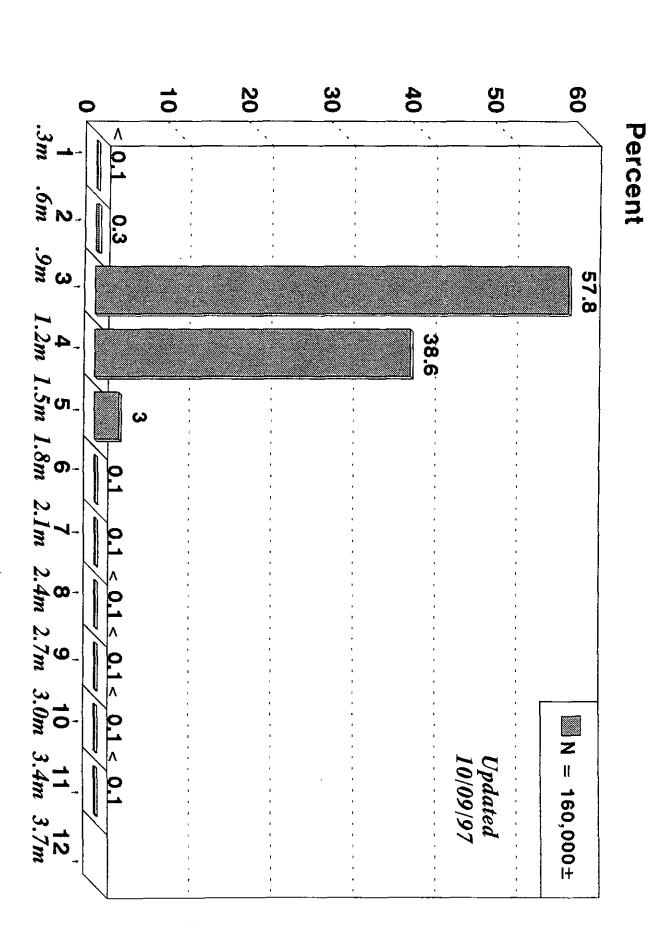
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\$37,820,120	3,988,790		\$90,778,803	;	95,424,692		•	436,641	455,069	28,291	Total
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\$3,960,000	333,200~	1,775,000	\$4,776,200	\$25.00	5,826,958±	226±	97.0±	25,783±	26,578	1,948	1996
\$3,400,000	367,000~	1,775,000	\$8,548,816	\$41.00	6,368,992	224	98.3	28,442	28,931	1,877	1995
\$3,243,000	350,000^*	1,775,000	\$7,358,527	\$37.00	6,074,880	224	97.9	27,120	27,694	1,774	1994
\$2,889,000	311,900~	1,707,000	\$3,998,000	\$23.00	5,302,011	221	96.7	23,991	24,805	1,702	1993
\$2,951,520	312,000**	1,766,000	\$4,002,000	\$23.00	5,304,000	221	94.0	24,000	25,378	1,686	1992
\$2,935,000	310,310	1,766,000	\$5,686,025	\$32.00	5,418,490	227	97.3	23,870	24,532	1,995	1991
\$3,000,000	318,000	1,765,800	\$10,568,869	\$57.00	5,652,075	221	98.2	25,575	26,051	1,921	1990
\$3,000,000	339,040**	1,766,580	\$9,006,675	\$50.00	5,490,966	221	97.4	24,846	25,492	1,769	1989
\$3,000,000	272,400**	1,741,500	\$7,905,024	\$48.00	5,199,246	221	98.0	23,526	24,111	1,545	1988
\$2,250,000	227,000	1,579,500	\$6,689,760	\$40.00	5,160,672	216	97.0	23,892	24,635	1,370	1987
\$1,395,000	140,740**	1,539,000	\$3,611,000	\$23.00	4,732,519	211	96.0	22,429	23,267	1,207	1986
\$675,000	68,100**	1,415,313	\$2,482,619	\$21.00	3,605,256	216	95.6	16,691	17,466	1,076	1985
\$125,000	45,400*	1,428,192	\$2,556,183	\$21.00	3,703,857	213	94.6	17,389	18,386	1,104	1984
\$125,000	45,400*	1,416,974	\$1,452,568	\$13.00	3,408,494	211	94.3	16,154	17,130	945	1983
\$125,000	45,400	1,617,408	\$1,621,633	\$13.50	3,565,536	208	94.2	17,142	18,188	1,184	1982
\$125,000	45,400	1,415,394	\$1,821,575	\$17.50	3,137,570	211	95.7	14,870	15,534	913	1981
\$125,000	45,400*	1,313,456	\$1,609,972	\$13.00	3,556,092	201	92.5	17,692	19,134	796	1980
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*	*	395,645	\$488,499	\$12.23	1,226,176	224	95.0	5,474	5,760	236	977
* *	*	327,038	\$512,240	\$16.55	948,024	216	92.1	4,389	4,767	198	1976
* *	*	329,144	\$258,791	\$7.88	1,012,180	229	95.2	4,420	4,645	191	1975
*	*	216,513	\$268,994	\$13.13	622,173	213	90.1	2,921	3,243	107	1973
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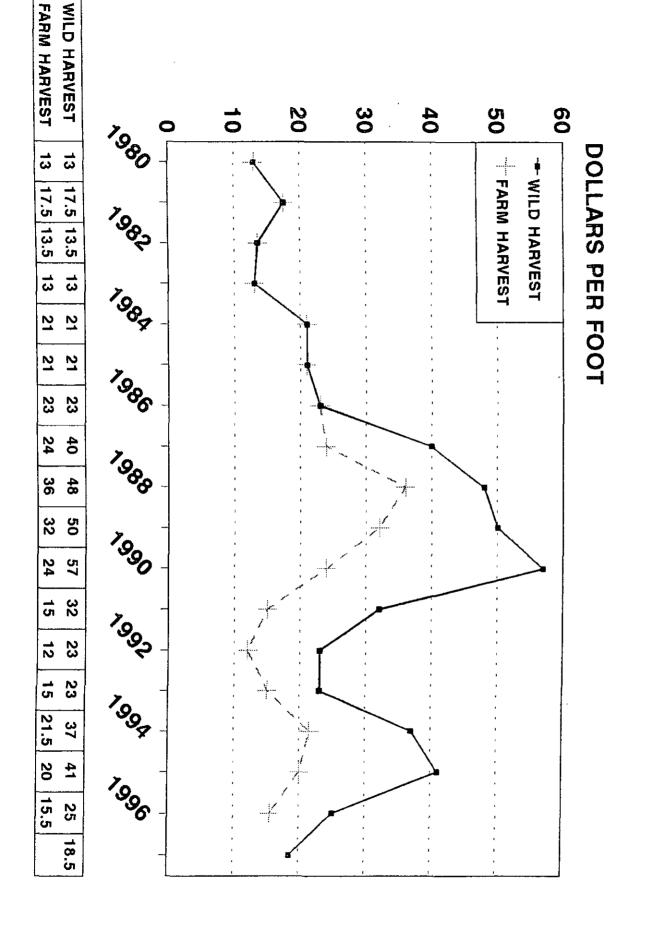


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\$1,720,000	176,000	\$8,006,643	\$17.00	14,360,600	118.0	121,700	70	101	1993
\$2,380,000	262,310	\$6,206,700	\$12.00	15,760,000	123.1	128,026	85	125	1992
22,500,000	243,300	\$7,370,563	\$15.00	14,979,078	125.9	118,976	91	134	1991
\$1,780,007	180,410	\$8,552,369	\$24.00	10,858,467	122.8	88,424	80	123	1990
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21 202 762	50,392	\$4,245,597	\$36.00	3,593,495	129.5	27,749	38	47	1988
\$210,007	21,800	\$1,131,873	\$24.00	1,436,182	134.6	10,670	23	30	1987
\$115,563	12,105	\$613,237	\$23.00	812,910	137.2	5,925	15	22	1986
\$15,740	8,045	\$395,377	\$21.00	573,685	129.5	4,430	12	15	1985
\$39,704	5,150	\$253,113	\$21.00	367,262	129.5	2,836	7	12	1984
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"Average per skin value = \$74.96 (Range = \$31.22-\$142.62)

Average Price Paid For Alligator Skins in Louisiana, 1980 - 1997



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), and R.S. 49:967(D), which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting held July 9, 1998, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, set the 1998 wild alligator season dates.

The 1998 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 2, 1998 through official sunset October 1, 1998. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line, and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

Hawkins, Susan

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RECIPROCAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

This Agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 1998, by and between the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ("Louisiana") and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("Texas"), each acting by and through duly authorized officials,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the neighboring states of Louisiana and Texas each hold interests in fishery resources that are enjoyed by the citizens of these states, including the waters that form the common boundary between the two states, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of those states that licensing regulations for the shared boundary waters be consistent, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto also desire to grant similar sport fishing license exemptions whereby residents of Texas 65 years of age or older and 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Louisiana waters without a fishing license, and likewise, residents of Louisiana 65 years of age or older and 15 years of age or younger may fish in all Texas waters without a fishing license, and

WHEREAS, non-residents from many parts of the country travel to the Louisiana-Texas border to enjoy the abundant fishery resources of the common boundary waters of that area, and

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WHEREAS, clear regulations regarding common boundary waters that are available to non-resident fishing license holders should provide for more compliance with the applicable laws, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits hereof, Texas and Louisiana contract as follows:

A. STATE-REGULATED WATERS

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- 4. This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after it has been rescinded in writing by either the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or their successors.
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RESOLUTION LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on July 9, 1998.

- WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 defined "agency" as any state office, department, board, commission, institution, division, et cetera, and
- WHEREAS, Act 1465 of 1997 requires that each department and agency of state government shall engage in the process of strategic planning and shall produce a strategic plan, and
- WHEREAS, the missions and goals of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are the same, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts as its strategic plan the strategic plan developed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES 1999 - 2003 STRATEGIC PLAN

FOREWORD

The aquatic, wildlife, and water resources of Louisiana are substantial. Hundreds of thousands of citizens depend on these resources for recreation, for livelihood, and as a source of nourishment. The resources are actively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and they contribute significantly to the standard of living of the state's residents and economic health of the state. The total value of the economic impact of recreational and commercial resource activities upon the state exceeds \$8 billion annually. This includes retail sales, jobs, and tax revenues.

According to the constitution of the state and statutes, the Department is vested with control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life, and is authorized to execute the laws enacted for the control and supervision of programs relating to the management, protection, conservation, and replenishment of wildlife, fish, and aquatic life, and the regulation of the shipping of wildlife, fish, furs, and skins.

The Department is organized into four appropriated budget units (offices): Secretary, Management and Finance, Wildlife, and Fisheries. The Office of Secretary is comprised of four programs: Administration, Enforcement, Information and Education, and Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. The Wildlife Program includes the Wildlife Division and the Fur and Refuge Division. The Natural Heritage Section and the Fur and Alligator Council are sections within the Fur and Refuge Division. The Fisheries Program is comprised of the Inland Fish Division and the Marine Fish Division.

The Department initiated its strategic planning process in February, 1998. The functions of coordination, facilitation, and compilation were performed by staff within the Office of Management and Finance. All levels of program staff were involved in the process, from administrators to technical employees. A list of key persons responsible for development and final product is included in this report.

While this plan meets the minimum requirements of Act 1465, the Department believes that continued development and further refinement will be beneficial and will result in a more cohesive plan that will be used to give future direction programmatically and financially.

The plans for the Administration and Management and Finance programs do not contain all required components of a strategic plan. It was very difficult to make the administrative and support service functions fit the established criteria, and the Department is hopeful that a statewide concensus will resolve the problems in these areas.

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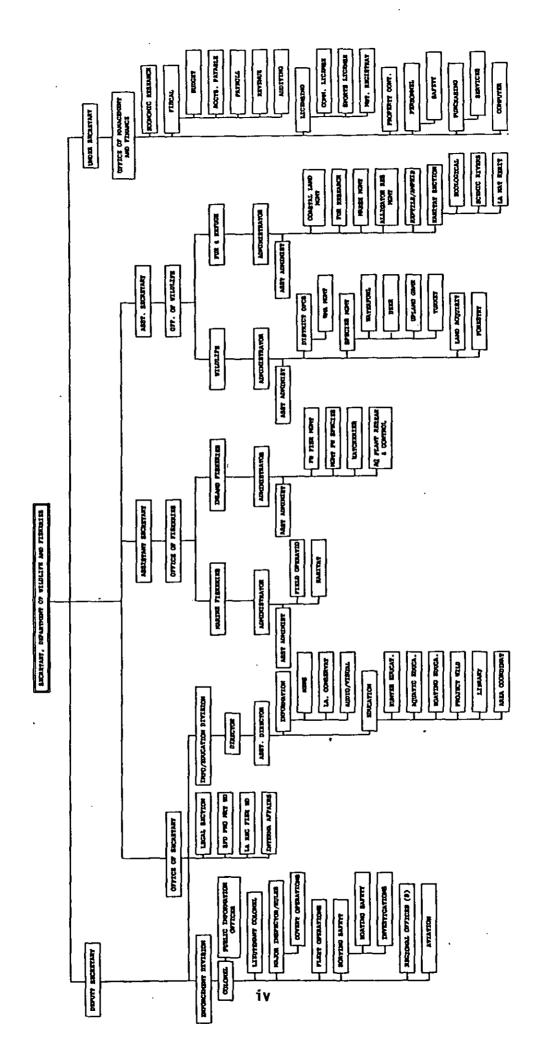
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LA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES 1998 STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION

The Department's mission is to manage, conserve, and promote wise utilization of Louisiana's renewable fish and wildlife resources and their supporting habitats through replenishment, protection, enhancement, research, development, and education; to provide opportunities for knowledge of and for the use and enjoyment of the resources placed under the stewardship of the Department; and to provide a safe environment for the users of these resources.

VISION

Louisiana will be the premier state for wildlife and fisheries resource management by providing maximum and sustainable opportunities for all users of the resources, both consumptive and non-consumptive. There will be recognition of and confidence in the management abilities of the Department.

PHILOSOPHY

The Department's mission will be accomplished in a fair and equitable fashion using science-based information, open communication, and collaboration. The policies and actions of the Department shall be developed and implemented so as to encourage teamwork among its employees and to promote the public's trust and respect.

GOALS

- 1. Optimize long and short-term recreational-and-commercial-use opportunities by
 - a. Establishing technically sound research, management, development and monitoring programs for the wildlife and aquatic resources and their habitats
 - b. Enforcing compliance with fish and wildlife laws
 - c. Informing and educating the public about resource issues and management strategies
- 2. Create an environment within the Department that is conducive to employee productivity through
 - a. Training
 - b. Paperwork reduction
 - c. Provision of adequate resources and equipment
 - d. Establishing parity with other agencies relative to pay levels
- 3. Establish a stable funding plan for the Department so that we are able to sufficiently and effectively accomplish our mission and meet our goals and mandates.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

PROGRAM	GOALS	OBJECTIVES
Enforcement	 Ensure that fish and wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future Provide a safer boating, fishing, hunting environment for maximum conservation and enjoyment of the state's waterways, fish and wildlife Increase stakeholder satisfaction 	 No fish or wildlife species will become threatened or endangered due to insuffient enforcement Increase hunters and fishermen checked for compliance to rules and regulations Reduce boating accidents Reduce hunting accidents Increase number of boating education courses Increase health-related oyster inspections Increase number of public contacts Increase level of stakeholder satisfaction Coordinate efforts with Operation Game Thief to increase number of investigations
Wildlife	 Increased stakeholder satisfaction with technical assistance, accessibility, opportunities, and experiences in using wildlife resources Ensure slower rate of adverse alteration or loss of wildlife habitat Ensure that wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future 	 Provide 6.9 million user-days of outdoor activities Increase acreage in WMA and Refuge systems Provide 1.2 million user-days on the WMA/Refuge systems Assure no net loss of regulated wetlands and other habitat Improve acres of habitat on WMA and Refuge system Develop plans for managing and recovery of RTE's and other non-game species
Fisheries	 Ensure that aquatic resource populations will be sustainable in the present and future Increase stakeholder satisfaction in the management of the resources 	 Prepare management plans for major marine species Develop lake management plans for all public freshwater lakes over 4,000 acres Develop recovery plans for T/E fish species Ensure that aquacultural activities result in no adverse effects upon native fish fish populations Increase recreational stakeholder satisfaction in the quality fishing experience Increase commercial stakeholder satisfaction in management program

7. Increase number of boating access and development projects

8. Establish maintenance control of nuisance aquatic plants 9. Provide technical assistance to lake/pond owners

10. Stock state waters

INTERNAL FACTORS

(ELEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S POSITION, PERFORMANCE, PROBLEMS, AND POTENTIAL WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES)

1. Employees

Tenure, education, training, and experience of managers
Attitude, morale
Promotional opportunities
Methods for rewards/discipline
Length of service of top administrators
Continuing education/training
Responsiveness to change
Trust in planning process
Involvement in decision-making processes
Parity in pay with other agencies

2. Management

Continuity of direction
Skills of supervisors and managers
Support for planning process
Turnover every 4 years
Ability to inspire loyalty and trust

3. Organization/Other

Continuity of core programs
Continuity of direction
Intra departmental cooperation, communication
Enabling legislation and subsequent legislative mandates
Administrative paperwork and processes
Condition of capital assets/physical plant
Functional and organizational structure

EXTERNAL FACTORS

(ELEMENTS, OR FORCES WHICH INFLUENCE THE ORGANIZATION'S ENVIRONMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS)

1. Finances

Financial status of state government Economy of state

2. Constituents

Level of knowledge

Trust, support

Demographics

Attitude

Compatibility (conflicting wants/needs)

Special interest groups

Number of persons/groups impacted

3. Administration

DOA policies/requirements/budget process (rule/govern by "exception")

4. Other

Weather conditions

Technology

Educated/experienced applicant pool Balanced, productive ecosystem

5. Politics

Climate

Support

Cooperation among agencies/partnerships

Laws

OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES

- 1. Need for recodification of statutes relative to
 - a. organization
 - b. clarification of roles of the Commission vs. the Department
 - c. clarification of program responsibilities
- 2. Public use of Department-owned/managed lands (road maintenance, etc.)
- 3. Future funding for land acquisition
- 4. Difficulties in raising license fees
- 5. Lack of funding for adequate control of aquatic weeds

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

administration manage or supervise the execution, use or conduct of

collaboration work jointly with others; cooperate

conservation careful preservation and protection

control exercise restraining or directing influence over; regulate

create bring into existence; invent; bring about by action or behavior

development promote the growth of; make available or usable

direction guidance or supervision; management; authoritative instruction

educate develop mentally or morally by instruction; provide knowledge and development

enforce strengthen; gain or effect by force; carry out effectively

enhance make greater as in value, desirability, or attractiveness

enjoy take pleasure; have for one's use

enjoyment possession and use; gives keen satisfaction

maintain keep in existing state; preserve; defend; sustain; affirm; support

manage direct with skill; treat with care; alter by manipulation

operate run or control the functioning of; conduct the affairs of; manage

opportunity favorable juncture of circumstances; change for progress or advancement

optimize make as perfect, effective, or functional as possible

premier number one

promote contribute to the growth or prosperity of; help bring into being

protect shield from injury or destruction; guard; defend; save from loss

regulate govern or direct according to rule; bring order, method or uniformity to

renewable capable of being replace by natural ecological cycles or sound mgmt practices

replenish stock; nourish; build up again; replace

research careful or diligent search; studious inquiry or examination

stewardship responsibility for management with regard for the rights of others

supervision critical watching and directing; oversight

sustain support, nourish, prolong

utilization practical use or account

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512 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY PROGRAM A - ADMINISTRATION

MISSION: The Administration Program is composed of the offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Legal, and Investigators. The mission of the Administration Program is provide executive leadership and legal services to all other programs and organizations within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

GOALS:

- I. To ensure that the missions, goals, and objectives of the programs within the Department are consistent with legislative intent and legal authority
- II. To provide policy-making and decision-making functions which enable programs to accomplish the Department's mission of conservation
- III. To provide executive direction for the Enforcement and Information and Education Programs
- IV. To provide advice, counsel, and legal opinion to the Commission, the Secretary and his assistants, and to other units of the Department
- V. Ensure improved stakeholder satisfaction with the services provided by the Department
- VI. Ensure efficient and effective use of assets and resources by the programs within the Department

MISSION: The Office of Management and Finance (OMF) is an organization of professional employees whose mission is to provide leadership, support, and information to meet the operational, functional, research, and administrative needs of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Regulatory and support functions are provided in the areas of: finance, budget, planning, contract management, information systems, human resources, property and fleet management, socioeconomics, and procurement. The OMF program also administers the recreational and commercial license program, the motorboat registration program, and the "Clean Vessel Act" program. Clients served are the public, Department staff, other government agencies, the legislature, and private entities.

GOALS:

- I. Improve internal controls and compliance with all legal, financial, and operational requirements
- II. Employ more sound management, financial, and human resource practices
- III. Maximize employee productivity department-wide and assure a quality workforce
- IV. Satisfy socioeconomic research needs of program staff
- V. Cleaner and safer state waters

OBJECTIVES

- I.1. Establish an internal audit function/section by 2000-2001.
- **I.2.** Resolve all audit findings and implement corrective action timely
- **I.3.** Enforce Performance Planning and Rating Program to ensure 95% department-wide participation by 1999.
- II.1. Develop and conduct user surveys on clients including department personnel, vendors, license purchasers, and boat owners, doing one group per year.
- II.2. Develop and implement an annual Customer Service Plan in accordance with Executive Order No. 97-39 by November 1 of each year.

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Review and update one third of all position descriptions annually (re changes in II.3. duties, defining essential and non-essential functions within each job, and identifying physical requirements of each job) Develop and implement an adequate inventory system and improve supply II.4. distribution in the Services Section by 2000. II.5. Implement an automated sports license system by 2000. II.6. Reduce on-the-job injury incidents by 15% by 6/03. Prepare Cash Management Plan by 2000 (includes deposits, classifications, II.7. Bond/Crime Program, collections by various) II.8. Develop Record Retention Plan for department by 2002. Reduce hard-copy documentation re procurement, payments, and other workflow II.9. functions (to electronic) (strategy would be implement on-line approvals by 2003) III.1. Identify training needs in all areas by _____ And design plan by _____ III.2. Develop employee recognition policy by June, 1999 III.3. Develop career ladder to attract and maintain quality workforce (some strategies would be: create training series, ensure appropriate allocations, task forces, identify inequities, compare market data) III.4. Increase workforce diversity from 5% to 6% by _____ (Strategies - internships and recruitment) IV.1. Conduct economic analysis of offshore shrimp fleet which fishes off the coast of Jefferson, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes for the Office of Fisheries by 2002. IV.2. Conduct impact damage assessment of drum fish feeding on private seed oyster grounds by 2000 for the Office of Fisheries. IV.3. Prepare and publish statistical report on the number of commercial fishing licenses issued during the period 1989 through 1997 by 1999.

V.1.

25% by 2001

Increase the number and use of boat sewage pump-out and dump-out facilities by

MISSION:

the mission of the Enforcement Program is to protect Louisiana's fish and wildlife resources and their habitats by enforcing related laws and regulations and to create a secure environment for the maximum enjoyment of hunting, fishing, recreational boating and affiliated outdoor activities. The clients served by this program are the citizens of the state. The program works to promote voluntary compliance and ethical participation in these activities through education, and through firm, fair, and impartial law enforcement.

GOALS:

- I. Ensure that fish and wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future
- II. Provide a safer boating, fishing and hunting environment for maximum conservation and enjoyment of the state's waterways, fish and wildlife
- III. Increase stakeholder satisfaction

OBJECTIVE I.1.

By June 30, 2003, no fish or wildlife species will become threatened or endangered due to insufficient enforcement.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- I.1.2. Provide concentrated enforcement efforts in areas where increased illegal activity occur and areas with high use
- I.1.3. Provide additional overtime hours when special seasons open

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Outputs Number of field patrol hours

Number of public contacts

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Outcome No change in fish or wildlife population status due to lack of

enforcement

Efficiency No change in fish or wildlife population status due to lack of

enforcement

OBJECTIVE I.2.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase hunters and fisher-persons checked for compliance to rules and regulations by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

I.2.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities

I.2.2. Provide concentrated enforcement efforts in areas where increased illegal activity occur and areas with high use

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of licensed hunters

Number of licensed recreational fisher-persons Number of licensed commercial fisher-persons

Outputs Number of field patrol hours

Number of checked hunters

Number of checked fisher-persons Number of non-compliant hunters

Number of non-compliant fisher-persons

Number of public contacts

Outcome Percentage change in non-compliance

Efficiency Percentage change in non-compliance per number of licensed

hunters

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of licensed

recreational fisher-persons

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Percentage change in non-compliance per number of licensed commercial fisher-persons

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of hunters checked

Percentage change in non-compliance per number of fisherpersons checked

OBJECTIVE 11.1.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will reduce boating accidents in the state by 2%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways
- II.1.2. Identify the geographic locations with high use for boating activity
- II.1.3. Distribute adequate manpower and equipment resources to provide effective enforcement in these areas
- II.1.4. Develop a statewide public boating safety educational program that offers a minimum of one class monthly in each of the 9 regional offices
- II.1.5. Develop a survey to poll boaters and their perception of safety
- II.1.6. Develop legislation to assist with increasing safety efforts(Ex. Developing legislation that makes it mandatory to have a course in boating education)
- II.1.7. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer boating

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Registered Boats

Number of Boating Safety Education Courses

Number of Boat Patrol Hours

Outputs Number of Boating Accidents

Outcome Percentage change in Boating Accidents

Efficiency Percentage change in Boating Accidents per Number of Patrol

Hours

Percentage change in Boating Accidents per Number of Registered Boats

OBJECTIVE 11.2.

II.2. By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will reduce hunting accidents by 2%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.2.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- II.2.2. Identify the geographic locations with high use for hunting activity
- II.2.3. Distribute adequate manpower and equipment resources to provide effective enforcement in these areas
- II.2.4. Develop a survey to poll hunters and their perception of safety
- II.2.5. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer hunting environments
- II.2.6. Track the hunter safety program within this department and make recommendations for changes
- II.2.7. Track the percentage of non-compliant deer hunters with respect to hunter orange

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Licensed Hunters

Number of Hunter Education Courses

Number of Students Enrolled in Hunter Education Courses

Number of Field Patrol Hours

Outputs Number of hunting Accidents

Number students Completing the Hunting Education Course Number of citations issued for violation of hunter orange laws

Number of hunting Related Public Contacts

Outcome Percentage change in Hunting Accidents

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Efficiency Percentage change in Hunting Accidents per Number of Field

Patrol hours

Percentage change in Hunting Accidents per Number of Licensed

Hunters

OBJECTIVE 11.3.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase the number of boating education courses by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

II.3.1. Develop a statewide public boating safety educational program that offers a minimum of one class monthly in each of the 9 regional offices

II.3.2. Develop a survey to poll students attending the boating safety course

II.3.3. Develop legislation to assist with increasing safety efforts

(Ex. Developing legislation that makes it mandatory to have a course in boating education)

II.3.4. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer boating

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of boating safety education courses

Number of boating safety courses

Number of boating safety education trainers courses Number of students enrolled in the boating safety course

Outputs Number of students completing the boating education course

Number of students completing the boating education trainers

course

Number of students enrolled in the boating safety course

Outcome Percentage change in Boating Courses

Percentage change in Passage Rate of Boating Education

Students

Efficiency Percentage change in Boating Courses

OBJECTIVE 11.4.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase health related oyster inspections by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.4.1. Provide visible law enforcement presence in areas where oyster harvesting is located
- II.4.2. Identify the geographic locations with high use for oyster activity
- II.4.3. Distribute adequate manpower and equipment resources to provide effective enforcement in these areas
- II.4.4. Develop a survey to poll oyster harvesters/dealers/transporters and their perception of safe handling techniques
- II.4.5. Meet with stakeholders to determine ways to promote safer oyster harvesting environments
- II.4.6. Continue collaborative efforts with other agencies and department personnel to promote safety

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Commercial Oyster Harvesters Licenses Number of Recreational Oyster Harvesters Licenses

Output Number of health related oyster inspections conducted

Number of health related oyster citations

Number of sacks seized due to health violations

Outcome Percentage change in health related oyster inspections

Number of reported incidence of Louisiana Oysters causing

illness

Efficiency Percentage change in health related oyster inspections

Percentage change in health related oyster inspections per

Number of Commercial Oyster Harvester Licenses

Percentage change in health related oyster inspections per Number of Recreational Oyster Harvester Licenses

OBJECTIVE 111.1.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase the number of public contacts by 5%.

STRATEGIES:

- III.3.1 Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- III.3.2 Develop a survey to poll licensed fish-persons and hunters perceived views of wildlife law enforcement officers and response time to complaints
- III.3.3 Develop a web-site to make available information involving the Enforcement Program
- III.3.4 Meet quarterly with Operation Game Thief
- III.3.5 Provide a reporting system to track all of Communication section's public contact

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of Boating Safety Courses

Output Number of Students Completing the Boating Education Course

Number of News Releases Number of Public Contacts Number of Surveys Received

Number of Community Related Activities in which Enforcement

was a Participant

Outcome Percentage change in Public Contacts

Efficiency Percentage change of Public Contacts per number of Field

Patrol Hours

OBJECTIVE 111.2.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will increase level of stakeholder satisfaction by 5%.

STRATEGIES:

- III.2.1 Provide visible law enforcement presence on waterways, hunting and fishing localities
- III.2.2 Develop a survey to poll licensed fish-persons and hunters perceived views of wildlife law enforcement officers and response time to complaints
- III.2.3 Conduct meetings with fisheries and wildlife stakeholders to draft potential legislation to simplify regulations
- III.2.4 Develop a web-site to make available information involving the Enforcement Program
- III.2.5 Develop and implement a warning citation system to educate stakeholders on certain minor violations as opposed to levying fines
- III.2.7 Meet quarterly with Operation Game Thief (OGT)
- III.2.8 Provide and maintain support of technological advancements to increase efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement operations

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Baseline resource allocation for program

Output Number of survey responses received

Outcome Percentage change in stakeholder satisfaction

Efficiency Percentage change in stakeholder satisfaction

OBJECTIVE 111.3.

By June 30, 2003, the Enforcement Program will coordinate efforts with Operation Game Thief (OGT) to increase the number of OGT investigations by 10%.

STRATEGIES:

- III.3.1 Develop a web-site to make available information involving the Enforcement Program and Operation Game Thief
- III.3.2 Meet quarterly with Operation Game Thief
- III.3.3 Provide and maintain support of technological advancements to increase efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement operations and investigations

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Baseline resource allocation for program

Number of OGT pamphlets, No Poaching Poster Signs and No

Poaching Bumper Stickers

Output Number of OGT cases investigated

Number of OGT complaints received

Number of OGT pamphlets, No Poaching Poster Signs and No

Poaching Bumper Stickers Distributed

Outcome Percentage change in OGT cases

Efficiency Percentage change in OGT cases

512 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY PROGRAM C - INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

MISSION: The mission of the Information and Education Division is to inform and educate the public about our wildlife resources and their habitats in order that they become more knowledgeable, more responsible stewards and better able to enjoy the benefits of the resource, and to promote sustainable resource populations for the present and future.

GOALS:

- I. Through the efforts of the Information and Education staff, there will be increased public awareness, participation and appreciation regarding wildlife and aquatic resources and regarding the function of this department in the management of those resources.
- II. To create a safe hunting environment.

OBJECTIVE I.1.

To increase adult-and-youth public participation in educational programs and activities by 1 % within 5 years.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Increase participation in camps and workshops.
- I.1.2. Conduct tours and educational presentations to youth and adult groups at Department facilities.
- I.1.3. Link our programs to the Education Department Science curriculum standards.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Number of hours of instructional time

Output Number of participants by type of event

Outcome Percentage increase of participation over previous year

Efficiency Ratio of instruction hours to participants

OBJECTIVE I.2.

To increase the level of knowledge by the general public by 1 % within 5 years.

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STRATEGIES:

- I.2.1. Increase magazine circulation
- I.2.2. Promote more use of audio-visual library products and services
- I.2.3. Distribute news package on a regular basis.
- I.2.4. Utilize department staff in topic development
- I.2.5. Link the DWF homepage to Internet sites
- I.2.6. Conduct surveys
- 1.2.7. Increase funding.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input

Population of LA

Budget

Output

Magazine distributed

Visitors/users of library Number news units*

Number of hits to web page

Outcome

Percent increase in knowledge (results of survey)

Efficiency

Total number of outputs in relation to budget

OBJECTIVE II.1.

To keep the hunter accident ratio(HAR)* below the level** prior to mandatory hunter education.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1. Increase number of volunteer instructors
- II.1.2. Provide advanced, in-service training for all instructors

^{*(}News Units are defined as an individual news or informational topic distributed to the public or media.)

^{*}HAR: Number of hunting accidents/100,000 licenses sold.

^{**}Level: 5 year average

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Number of volunteer instructors active

Number of licensed hunters in LA

Budget

Outputs Number participants

Number of courses

Outcome HAR*

Efficiency Cost per participant

Participants per instructor

512 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY PROGRAM D - SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD

MISSION: The Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board was created under authority of R.S. 56:578 et seq to address concerns about the declining economic environment of the commercial fishing industry in Louisiana. The Board's mission is to aid the commercial fishing industry through product promotion and marketing development. It serves commercial fishermen and wholesale and retail dealers by providing a coordinated marketing function and by conducting activities with the purposes of enhancing the public image of commercial fishery products, promoting consumption of these products, and assisting the seafood industry in market development.

GOAL:

I. Through the efforts of the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, there will be an increase in the contribution of the commercial fishing industry to the economy in LA.

OBJECTIVE I.1.

Increase consumption of seafood by 1% each year.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Educate consumers about economic and health benefits, and about contamination threats
- I.1.2. Educate industry participants about product liability issues, labor relations, processing methods, financing, marketing, and regulations
- I.1.3. Assist with the development of new markets
- I.1.4. Promote the superior quality of LA products
- I.1.5. Distribute promotional materials
- I.1.6. Conduct retail promotional events

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Inputs Number industry participants by type

Number consumers

Dollars spent on these activities

Number man hours spent on these activities

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Outputs Number trade shows attended

Number retail promotions conducted Number advertisements published Number news releases distributed

Outcome Percent increase in consumption

Efficiency Ratio of man hours and dollars to percent increase

OBJECTIVE I.2.

Restore consumer confidence and stabilize consumption of oysters.

STRATEGIES:

I.2.1. Develop new export markets

I.2.1. Provide consumers with different methods of preparing cooked oysters

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Inputs Number oyster fishermen

Historic and current consumption

Outputs Number marketing efforts

Outcome Percent change in consumption

Consumer surveys

Efficiency Cost to effect change

MISSION: The Office of Wildlife is composed of professional biologists, technicians and support personnel which staff the land-stewardship organizational units whose mission is to develop, maintain, enhance, manage, and promote wildlife resources, their habitats, and biological diversity while providing conservation-based recreational and commercial opportunities for the public.

GOALS:

- I. Increased stakeholder satisfaction with technical assistance programs and with accessibility, opportunities and experiences in using the wildlife resources of the state
- II. Ensure a slower rate of adverse alteration or loss of wildlife habitat in Louisiana
- III. Ensure that wildlife populations will be sustainable in the present and future

OBJECTIVE I.1.

Provide 6.9 million user-days of outdoor activities annually within a wise-and-sustainable-use setting.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Develop and recommend hunting seasons, bag limits, and regulations annually that permit sustainable game, alligator, and furbearer populations.
- I.1.2. Provide technical assistance to Louisiana residents annually to foster better stewardship of private properties for wildlife.
- I.1.3. Enhance wildlife habitat through development and implementation of partnerships for national initiatives to improve habitat on private lands.
- I.1.4. Conduct research on wildlife ecology and habitat management techniques and survey targeted wildlife species to develop better technical assistance recommendations and hunting regulations.
- I.1.5. Develop and incorporate wildlife friendly standards and practices into legislation and other initiatives that have wide application through participation on state, regional, and national forums and committees.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Number of habitat evaluations conducted

Number of wildlife surveys conducted

Number of technical assistance request received

Number of man hours expended to develop and recommend wildlife standards and new practices

Outputs

Number of species for which hunting and trapping regulations are promulgated

Number of persons receiving verbal, written, or on site technical assistance

Number of wildlife species with developed indices of population size

Number of recommendations developed for new or existing wildlife standards or practices

Outcomes

Number of user days of outdoor recreation provided to the public Number of acres of wildlife habitat improved and the number of technical assistance calls responded to

Number of species for which population indices warrant establishing hunting or trapping seasons

Number of new standards and practices incorporated into Department and public wildlife management programs

Efficiency

Harvest per unit of effort for game and commercial wildlife species

Total harvest of major wildlife species

Number of technical assistance responses per technical staff member

OBJECTIVE I.2.

Increase the acreage in the WMA and Refuge system by 25,000 acres by 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- I.2.1. Identify potential tracts for acquisition
- I.2.2. Evaluate desirability and costs
- I.2.3. Secure authorization and funding
- I.2.4. Negotiate purchase price and terms

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Cost of land and overhead

Number of landowner contacts, tract evaluations, appraisals, and **Outputs** negotiations Outcome Acres Purchased/Leased/Donated & Number of Tracts Acquired Percentage of tracts acquired after tracts are identified for purchase Efficiency

and funding is authorized

OBJECTIVE I.3.

Provide 1.2 million user-days per year on the WMA and Refuge system each year through the year 2003.

STRATEGIES:

I.3.1. Conduct managed hunts/trapping.

I.3.2. Provide infrastructure for public access.

I.3.3. Provide public use facilities.

I.3.4. Provide multi-use resource opportunities.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Number of man days to conduct biological investigations and Inputs formulate recommendations and conduct managed hunts Costs of building and maintaining access structures, roads and trails Costs of building and maintaining public use facilities

Total number of days of public hunting and trapping permitted on Outputs WMA's and Refuges Number of miles of roads and trails maintained

> Number of public use facilities such as boat ramps, shooting ranges, water control recreational access structures, campgrounds, nature trails, comfort stations built or maintained

Number of user days for hunting and trapping Outcomes

Total number of miles of roads and trails on WMA's and Refuges

Total number of all user days on WMA's and Refuges

Efficiency

Harvest of major species on WMA's

Percent of roads and trails in usable condition Percent of public use facilities in usable conditions

OBJECTIVE II.1.

Assure no net, annual loss of the functions and values of regulated wetlands and other wildlife habitat through the year 2003 by requiring at least 1:1 habitat unit replacement, and through providing technical assistance to landowners for voluntary enhancement, creation or restoration of non-regulated wildlife habitat.

STRATEGIES:

II.1.1. Mitigate habitat losses and protection of wildlife populations through exercise of our statutory authority under Federal and State environmental regulatory programs

II.1.2. Enroll habitat in the Natural Areas Registry

II.1.3. Establish Scenic River Servitudes

II.1.4. Provide technical assistance to governmental agencies, industry and private individuals aimed at wildlife habitat improvement and creation.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

Number of man hours and costs spent on Mitigation of wetland

loss

Number of man hours and costs of enrolling landowners in the

Natural Area Registry program

Number of man hours and costs of coordinating the Scenic Streams

program

Number of man hours and costs of providing habitat related advice

Outputs

Number of permit applications commented on

Number of landowners contacted to enroll in the Natural Area

Registry

Number of Scenic River contacts made and tracts evaluated Number of non-regulated habitat contacts made and tracts

evaluated

Outcomes

Number of habitat units protected (mitigated)

Number of landowners enrolled in the Natural Area Registry

Number of miles of Scenic River frontage protected

Number of acres of wildlife habitat improved

Efficiency Acres of wetlands mitigated / acres damaged

Percent of suitable tracts enrolled in Natural Area Registry Number of Scenic River contacts / servitude established Number of habitat improvement contacts / acres improved

OBJECTIVE II.2.

Improve 100,000 acres of habitat by 2003 on the WMA and Refuge system.

STRATEGIES:

- II.2.1. Manage water within impoundment systems to provide quality wetland habitat
- II.2.2. Annually conduct timber inventories and harvests to improve wildlife habitat on Department-owned lands
- II.2.3. Annually conduct prescribed burning to improve wildlife habitat on Department-owned pineland, predominantly pineland, marshland, and old field habitat
- II.2.4. Conduct habitat management and wildlife ecology studies to assess potential impacts of various management techniques
- II.2.5. Develop and maintain early successional habitat and forest openings on Department-owned lands
- II.2.6. Insure that mineral development is completed with minimal adverse environmental impact

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs Man days of staff time and costs of managing impoundments

Staffing and money used to manage and establish forest lands Man days utilized to prescribe burn forest, marsh and old field

habitat

Man days directed toward research and survey

Outputs Number of water control structures installed, repaired, and

operated annually and the acres receiving habitat

manipulation annually

Number of timber inventories completed, prescriptions developed,

stands marked for harvest, and bids solicited

Number of acres prescribe burned

Number of studies completed or populations surveyed

Outcomes

Number of acres of shallow water habitat provided annually

Acres of timber harvested or reforested annually

Number of acres improved for wildlife by maintaining early

successional habitat

Scientific knowledge is incorporated into technical assistance and

educational programs

Efficiency

Number of wetland dependant birds using the impoundments

Percent of forestry prescriptions completed Percent of acres prescribed for burning Percent of studies and surveys completed

OBJECTIVE III.1.

Develop plans by 2003 for identifying, managing and recovery of five rare, threatened, or endangered species (RTE), and for managing other non-game species.

STRATEGIES:

III.1.1. Continue to receive funding through Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act

III.1.2. Contract with qualified individuals and organizations for biological surveys concentrating on populations and ranges of RTEs and native plants

III.1.3. Conduct additional surveys identical to contracted surveys utilizing existing staff

III.1.4. Determine management options for identified species

III.1.5. Complete on-line nuisance animal control permitting system and train and license Nuisance Animal Control Operators

III.1.6. Certify and permit wildlife rehabilitators

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

Man days spent on rare, threatened, and endangered species

biological investigations

Man days preparing recovery plans for rare, threatened, and

endangered species

Man days of planning and regulating Nuisance Animal Control and

wildlife rehabilitator

Outputs Number of rare, threatened, and endangered species surveys

completed

Number of RTE recovery plans completed

Develop a new training and licensing program for nuisance animal control operators and the number of wildlife rehabilitator

contacts made

Outcomes Number of RTE species for which range is identified

Number of RTE recovery plans implemented

Number of nuisance animal control operators trained and licensed

Number of wildlife rehabilitator under permit

Efficiency Percent of RTE surveys completed on time

Percent of recovery plans implemented

Percent of parishes with licensed nuisance animal control operators

and wildlife rehabilitator

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MISSION: The Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council was created under authority of R.S. 56:266.C. to be responsible for reviewing and approving recommended procedures and programs to be funded from the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Public Education and Marketing Fund and the Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund. The Council's mission is to aid the fur and alligator industries through education, product promotion, and marketing development. It's clients include trappers, coastal land owners, fur buyers and dealers, hunters, and all participants in the industries. The Council provides a cohesive, coordinated and comprehensive effort towards marketing and conducts activities with the purposes of: educating the public regarding renewable resource management, promotion of raw and finished products, and making management recommendations.

GOALS:

- I. Through the efforts of the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council, the markets for raw and finished fur and alligator products will be enhanced.
- II. Through the efforts of the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council, fur and alligator industry participants and public will be more knowledgeable about the resource and the value of sustainable use.

OBJECTIVE I.1.

To increase the harvest of La. fur by 5% each year through improved sales of fur products.

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1. Maintain existing markets through exposure of products at major fur fairs
- I.1.2. Maintain existing markets and develop new markets through advertisements.
- I.1.3. Develop new markets in Eastern Europe and mainland China through seminars

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input Number of La. pelts harvested

Number pelts shipped into different countries

Dollars expended on this objective

Number of man hours spent on activities

Outputs Number promotional events attended

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Number of contacts Number of seminars Number of participants

Outcome

Percent increase in pelts harvested

Efficiency

Ratio of dollars spent and man hours to increase in harvest

OBJECTIVE I.2.

To increase the market for raw and finished alligator products by 2% each year

STRATEGIES

I.2.1. Maintain existing markets by exposure at major leather fairs.

I.2.2 Maintain existing markets and develop new markets using Point of sale booklets, newsletters, and annual reports.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Input Number of manufacturers in U.S. using alligator

Number of retailers in U.S. using alligator

Dollars spent on this objective

Number of man hours spent on this objective

Output Number of promotional events

Number of contacts

Outcome Percent increase in sales of finish leather in U.S.

Percent increase in sales of products in U.S.

Total sale of alligator skins

Efficiency Ratio of dollars spent and man hours to increase in sales of skins

and products in the U.S.

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OBJECTIVE II.1.

To increase the knowledge of 50 % of alligator industry participants attending U.S. promotions and 25% of the public contacted about the resource and the value of sustainable harvest.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1. Contact and inform alligator industry participants through Promotional booths at major leather fairs
- II.1.2. Provide information through Point of sale materials, trade films and new letters.
- II.1.3. Provide information to the general public through booth displays, videos, and new articles.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Input Number of industry participants by type

Number of public attending event Dollars spent of these activities

Number man hours spent on these activities

Output Number of leather fairs attended

Number of industry participants contacted

Number of public contacted

Number of documents distributed

Number of media contacts Number of articles produced

Outcome Percent of industry participants contacted

Percent of public contacted receiving new information

Efficiency Ratio of dollars spent and man hours to increase in percent of

industry participants and public informed about resource and value

of sustainable use.

MISSION: It is the mission of the Office of Fisheries to conserve and protect Louisiana's renewable aquatic resources for present and future generations of Louisiana citizens by controlling harvest and by replenishing and enhancing stocks and habitat.

GOALS:

- I. Ensure that aquatic resource populations will be sustainable in the present and future.
- II. Increase stakeholder satisfaction in the management of living aquatic resources.

OBJECTIVE I.1. Prepare and update management plans for the major marine species by 2003

STRATEGIES:

- I.1.1: Collect fishery independent information on each species harvested and their associated environments.
- I.1.2: Collect fishery dependent information from the harvesters of the resource.
- I.1.3: Prepare stock assessments of selected species.
- I.1.4: Protect and maintain fish habitat.
- I.1.5: Prepare recommendations to Commission and Louisiana Legislature based on information gathered, as to actions required to sustain stocks under state jurisdiction.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Number of fishery-independent trawl gill, trammel, and seine samples taken per year
- Number of fishery-dependent interviews from commercial fishing trips per year
- Number of seismic applications received
- Number of spill incidents with potential to affect trust resources
- Number of artificial reef permits processed

Outputs

- Number of fish collected from the fisheries for which age and length information is taken
- Number of seismic projects inspected
- Number of spill notifications evaluated for potential impact to trust resources

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- Number of Natural Resource Damage Assessments conducted per consensus of participating agencies
- Number of artificial reefs created

Outcomes

- Percent of major fish stocks not overfished
- Percent of seismic projects inspected
- Number of spill injury restoration projects implemented

Efficiency

Permit processing time

OBJECTIVE I.2. Develop lake management plans for all public freshwater lakes over 4,000 acres by 2001.

STRATEGIES:

- I.2.1: Gather historical information on waterbody.
- I.2.2: Acquire biological data as needed.
- I.2.3: Develop lake management plan.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The number of licensed fishermen in the state
- The number of lakes over 4,000 acres
- Cost per unit treated

Outputs

- The number of lake management plans written
- The number of lakes sampled

Outcomes

- Fisheries population dynamics from fisheries independent data
- Fisheries population dynamics from fisheries dependent data

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Efficiency

- The number of lake management plans written per biologist
- The length of time taken to develop each management plan

OBJECTIVE I.3. Develop recovery plans for all species of threatened and endangered fish.

STRATEGIES:

- I.3.1: Develop a list of threatened and endangered species of fish in Louisiana.
- I.3.2: Acquire biological data as needed.
- I.3.3: Gather historical information on rare, threatened and endangered species.
- I.3.4: Develop fishery recovery plan for threatened and endangered species.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The number of threatened and endangered fishes in the state
- The areas of occurrence of threatened and endangered fishes

Outputs

- The number of recovery plans written
- The number of waterbodies sampled

Outcomes

- Population parameters of threatened and endangered species
- Measures recommended to protect and enhance threatened and endangered species

Efficiency

• Effectiveness in protecting and/or reestablishing populations

OBJECTIVE I.4. Ensure that aquacultural activities result in no adverse effects upon native

fish populations in Louisiana by the year 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- I.4.1: Issue permits for the use of nonindigenous species, game fish and domesticated fish.
- I.4.2: Develop partnerships in reviewing statutes and administrative rules with the private sector, other governmental agencies and universities.
- I.4.3: Recommend statutory and administrative rule amendments after careful consideration of risks to native aquatic populations.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The type and number of applications for aquacultural species
- Number of site visits made

Outputs

- The number of aquacultural permits issued
- Results of risk analysis
- Changes in statutes and administrative rules for aquacultural species

Outcome

Percent change in numbers of permits issued

Efficiency

• Effectiveness of protecting native fish populations through statute and administrative rule changes

OBJECTIVE II.1. Increase recreational stakeholder satisfaction in quality of fishing experience by 1% by 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- II.1.1: Educate public on the principles of fisheries management.
- II.1.2: Conduct periodic stakeholder satisfaction survey.
- II.1.3: Modify management regime to conform with stakeholder expectations.

II.1.4: Issue special recreational fishing and scientific collecting permits.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Outcomes

• Percentage of anglers satisfied with the management program of the Office

OBJECTIVE II.2. Increase commercial stakeholder satisfaction in management program by 1% by 2003.

STRATEGIES:

- II.2.1. Issue permits for participation in special fisheries.
- II.2.2: Conduct stakeholder satisfaction survey each year.
- II.2.3: Modify management regime to conform with stakeholder expectations where feasible.
- II.2.4: Collect annual rent and renewals fees for all oyster leases in accordance with all statues, rules and regulations.
- II.2.5: Survey oyster lease applications and issue oyster leases in accordance with all statutes, rules and regulations.
- II.2.6: Interact with other agencies which impact Louisiana's fisheries.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Number of commercial fishers requesting permits issued by the Office
- Number of new leases requested by oyster lessees

Outputs

- Numbers of permits issued
- Number of oyster lease applications surveyed

Outcome

• Percentage of commercial fishers satisfied with the management program

Efficiency

• Time from receipt of application to issuance of permits

OBJECTIVE II.3. Increase the number of boating access and development projects by 3% by the year 2000.

STRATEGIES:

- II.3.1: Evaluate applications through use of Department guidelines that prioritize need.
- II.3.2: Closely monitor approved and ongoing projects to ensure that contractual obligations are being met.
- II.3.3: Coordinate the maintenance and upkeep of access and development projects.
- II.3.4: Coordinate funding availability and obligations.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- The number of requests for boating access and development projects
- The amount of Sport Fish Restoration funds available

Outputs

- The total number of completed boating access and development projects
- The total number of ongoing boating access and development projects
- The total number of newly-approved boating access and development projects
- The number of facilities receiving maintenance

Outcomes

- Percent of boating population receiving benefits from projects
- Number of user spaces provided per facility

Efficiency

Percent of available funding utilized

OBJECTIVE II.4. Establish, by the year 2001, maintenance control of nuisance aquatic plants

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that threaten the preservation, enhancement and utilization of aquatic habitat in public waterbodies by increasing present control capabilities of invasive, exotic plants annually by approximately 50%.

STRATEGIES:

- II.4.1: Determine statewide aquatic plant infestations.
- II.4.2: Increase statewide aquatic plant control capabilites through approval of \$5 million of funding per new and expanded budget request.
- II.4.3: Investigate aquatic vegetation infestations in selected public lakes.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Number of acres of nuisance aquatic plants by region
- Number of lakes needing type mapping and biomass sampling to determine status of aquatic plant infestations

Outputs

- Number of acres treated by region
- Number of lakes evaluated

Outcomes

- Percent of aquatic vegetation infestations treated statewide
- Documentation of aquatic plant infestation trends in waterbodies sampled.

Efficiency

- Percent of aquatic infestation treated by region
- Cost per unit treated

OBJECTIVE II.5. Provide technical assistance to the owners of 1200 private lakes and ponds annually.

STRATEGIES

- II.5.1: Train employees regarding the management of lakes and ponds.
- II.5.2: Provide pond analysis services to individual water body owners.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Input

Number of requests for advice in managing private ponds and lakes

Output

• The number of responses to requests for advice in managing private ponds and lakes

Outcome

• Percent of requesters expressing satisfaction in the assistance given in managing private lakes and ponds

Efficiency

Cost per pond of advice given

OBJECTIVE II.6. Spawn, culture and stock in state waters 5 million game fish and other fishes in 2000, in support of management plans.

STRATEGIES:

- II.6.1: Operate four hatchery facilities to produce fish for stocking public waters in accordance with management objectives.
- II.6.2: Maintain close cooperative ties with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other state hatcheries.
- II.6.3: Provide tours and public interaction with all hatchery facilities.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

Inputs

- Total capacity of all hatcheries
- Requests for stocking, both within and without the Department

Outputs

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- The total number of fish produced
- The total number of fish stocked

Outcome

- Percent increase in Florida bass gene in selected waters
- Success in the recovery of species of special concern

Efficiency

- Cost per unit of fry produced
- Production per unit of pond and trough space

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

<u>JUNE 1998</u>

P.1 REGION 1

TOTAL CASES	117	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGE	0

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION		
63	Boating		
18	Angling W/O A License		
6	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License		
10	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License		
1	Take Game Fish Illegally		
11	Take Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish		
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass		
1	Use Illegal Bream Trap		
1	Take Game Fish Illegally		
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License		
1	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours		
3	DWI		
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CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION				
60 Striped Bass, 4 Black Bass, & 1 Bream Trap.				
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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
63	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
49	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.3 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	N/A
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P.4 REGION 2

TOTAL CASES	95	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0	
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION		
42	Boating		
3	Sell Fish W/O Retail License		
1	Take Game Fish Illegal Method		
2	Failure To Report Commercial Fish Data		
6	Angling W/O A License		
3	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License		
2	Fish W/O A Resident Pole License		
6	Take Or Possess Alligator Closed Season		
2	Resisting An Officer		
10	Littering		
14	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries		
1	Criminal Trespass		
3	DWI		
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P.5 CONFISCATIONS:

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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
42	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
10	Littering
20	Miscellaneous
11	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.6 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

P.7 REGION 3

TOTAL CASES	123	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	4	
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION				
66	Boating				
27	Angling W/O A License In Possession				
2	Angling W/O A Residential Pole License				
4	Angling W/O A Non-Residential License in Possession				
1	Public Intimidation				
4	Take Undersize Black Bass				
1	Take Over Limit Black Bass				
7	Littering				
4	Possession Undersized Freshwater Game Fish				
4	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA				
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License				
1	Operate ATV On Public Road				
1	Disturbing The Peace (Drunk)				
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P.8 CONFISCATIONS:

	CONFISCATI	ION DESCRIPTION	
None.			
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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
66	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
7	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
43	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
4	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.9 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
4	Spring Bayou W.M.A.
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P.10 REGION 4

TOTAL CASES	80	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	34

DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Boating
Angling W/O A License
Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
Fish W/O Resident Pole License
Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
Take or Possess Overlimit of Freshwater Gamefish
Use Commercial Gear W/O Commercial License
Use Commercial Gear W/O a Commercial Gear License
Discharge Firearm from Levee
Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
Littering

P.11 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION 22 containers of alcoholic beveragesBoeuf Trail Ride, 11 Black Bass, 8 hoop nets with ads.							
122 containers of alcoholic beveragesBoeuf Trail Ride, 11 Black Bass, 8 hoop nets with leads.							

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION		
31	Boating		
4	Commercial Fishing	<u></u>	
0	Federal Migratory		
1	Littering		
1	MiscellaneousDischarge Firearm From Levee		
28	Recreational Fishing		
0	State Hunting/Trapping		
15	WMA Rules and Regulations		

P.12 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION		
20	Public Assistance		

NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA			
Big Lake WMA			
Boeuf WMA			
Dewey Wills WMA			
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P.13 REGION 5

TOTAL CASES	341	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	56
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION		
159	Boating		
40	Angling W/O A License		
10	Angling W/O A Non-Res. License		
1	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License		
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License		
5	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum		
3	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License		
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License		
4	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License		
2	Sell And/Or Buy W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License		
3	Failure To Maintain Records		
3	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Remove Contents		
2	Possession O/L Of Recreational Shrimp		
1	Hunting W/O A Resident License		
1	Possession O/L Of Recreational Shrimp		
1	Take /Possess Alligators Closed Season		

DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Possession Firearm While Frogging
Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit
Not Abiding By R/R WMA
Illegal Possession Of Drugs and Marijuana
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Littering
Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries Charges
Cruelty To Animals
Discharge Firearm From Public Road
No Codes (Clam Cases)

P.15 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION 521 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$596.20, 1-18' Glastron boat, 2-14' flat boats, 1-25 hp Yamaha motor, 1-25 hp Suzuki motor, 1- boat trailer, 1-22 cal. Rifle, 2 raccoons, 2-resident fishing license, 5-ice chests, 3-rabbits, 1-alligator, 8-frogs, 10-black drum, 17-claims, 1-personal watercraft jet ski, 6-marijuana roaches, 4-crab traps, 6-crackers, 3-catfish.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION		
159	Boating		
20	Commercial Fishing		
0	Federal Migratory		
22	Littering		
20	Miscellaneous		
59	Recreational Fishing		
5	State Hunting/Trapping		
56	WMA Rules and Regulations		

P.16 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	
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TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA		
44	Rockefeller Refuge		
8	Marsh Island		
0	West Bay		
4	State Wildlife		
0	Sabine Island		

P.17 REGION 6

TOTAL CASES	232	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	11	1
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
138	Boating
54	Angling W/O A License
1	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish Without Gear License
1	Possession Of Live Alligator Without Permit
9	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
9	Angling Without A Resident Pole License
3	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take/Possess Commercial Fish Without Vessel License
ī	Resisting An Officer By Flight
3	Littering
1	DWI .
3	Theft Of Crawfish
2	Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
1	Simple Burglary
	Illegal Possession Of Stolen Items

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Possession Of Firearm By A Person Convicted Of Certain Felons
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Illegal Carrying Of A Concealed Weapon
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P.19 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION					
18 black bass, 192 pounds of crawfish, a check in the amount of \$89.00					
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
138	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
75	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
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P.20 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA	
11	Sherburne	
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P.21 REGION 7

TOTAL CASES	430	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	18	
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DESCRIPTION OF CITATION			
Boating			
Angling W/O A License			
Angling W/O Non-Resident License			
Angling W/O A Pole License			
Using Gear W/O Recreational License			
Angling W/O A Saltwater License			
Using Gear W/O Non-Resident Gear License			
Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License			
Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License			
Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License			
Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License			
Failure To Maintain Records			
Transport W/O Required License			
Possession Of Undersize Crabs			
Use Crab Traps W/O Tags			
Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9			

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Failure To Mark Crab Containers
1	Transport Crawfish W/O Transport License
2	Possessing Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	Collect Amphibians Recreationally W/O License
3	Possess Firearm While Frogging
1	Battery On A Police Officer
1	Assault On A Police Officer
1	Resisting An Officer
1	First Degree Vehicular Negligent Injury
1	Theft Over \$500.00
3	Possession Of Stolen Property Over \$500.00
1	Improper Lane Usage
1	Fail To Dim Headlights
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

P.23 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-21 foot boat and trailer, 1-200 h.p. motor, 1 Ford Tractor, 1 bush hog, 77 boxes of crabs, 286 sacks of oysters.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
276	Boating
58	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
	Littering
29	Miscellaneous
66	Recreational Fishing
	State Hunting/Trapping
1	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.24 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA		
18	Pearl River		
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P.25 REGION 8

TOTAL CASES	241	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	19	
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION			
62	Boating			
45	Angling W/O A License			
10	Angling W/O A Non-resident license			
7	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License			
3	Angling W/O A Saltwater License			
4	Angling W/O A Non-resident Saltwater License			
1	Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp As Per 56:13.1 E			
1	Take Game fish Illegally(Perch with Cast Net)			
2	Take/Possess Over The Limit of Red Drum (On Water)			
4	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum			
2	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout			
2	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum			
1	Fail to Comply With Charter Boat Regulations			
6	Take or Sell Commercial Fish or Bait Species W/O Commercial License			
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License			
7	Take or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License			

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Sell and/or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/ Retail Dealer's License
5	Sell or Buy Fish W/O a Retail Seafood Dealer's License
3	Fail to maintain records
1	Sell and/or Purchase Game Fish
3	Destroy Legal Crab Traps or Removing Contents
4	Allow Another to use Commercial License
3	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman to Use Vessel License
3	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman to use Commercial Gear License
1	Violate Special Fishing Tournament Regulations
12	Trawling in Inside Waters in Closed Season
4	Trawling Inside Waters With Oversized Double Rigs
3	Trawl in Restricted Area
1	Use Illegal Mesh Trawl
1	Use Oversize Skimmers
2	Take Shrimp Illegal methods
4	Failure to have Written Permission
2	Take Oysters from Unapproved Area
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters off a Private Lease
1	Fail to Mark Oyster Lease While Harvesting

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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Failure to Tag Sacked or Containerized Oysters
2	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
5	Violation of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9(Fail to refrigerate properly)
6	Violation of Sanitary Code-Chapter9 (Vessel Regulations)
1	Take alligators W/O a License
1	Taking or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
1	Possession of Live Alligators W/O a Permit
1	Littering
1	Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Info
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P.28 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION

357 sacks of oysters returned to water, 8,006 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$12,074.60, 2-45 foot trawls, 1-25 foot illegal mesh trawl, 1-16 foot trawl, 5 perch donated, 24 trawls, 10 butterfly nets, 1 cast net, 2 resident commercial fisherman's licenses, 2 resident vessel licenses, 2 resident commercial gear licenses, 1 non-resident commercial fisherman's License, 1 non-resident vessel license, 1 non-resident commercial gear license, 2 book purchase receipts, 1 personal watercraft, 2 ice chests, 1 outboard motor, 1 alligator, 100 lbs. Of crabs, 23 red drum, 13 black drum.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
62	Boating
93	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
81	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.29 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
8	Public Assistance	

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA			
5	Salvador			
11	Biloxi			
3	Pas a Loutre			

SHRIMP ACTIVITY REPORT

COMPLAINTS

1. We had a very active time with shrimpers this month. This shrimp season was much better than the past few years, and participation was high. Complaints were mainly about the use of oversized nets. We also had complaints of night butterflying in the Industrial Canal.

2. PATROLS

Directed shrimp patrols were scheduled to address complaints and agents observations. Regular saltwater patrols by boat have been continued. The plane was used to Make several cases and many patrols. It was down in the late part of the month for 100 Maintenance.

3.INQUIRIES

We received numerous inquiries for TED and BRD information, which were Referred to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Fisheries Agent Gerald Horst.

We received quite a few calls regarding Breton and Chandeleur Sounds and the New law regarding trawl size in outside waters, and mesh size for inside waters With the announcement for the closure of Zone 2 on Tuesday June 30 at 6 a.m. The phones rang constantly with inquiries about the closing and about what would Remain open.

P.31 REGION 9

TOTAL CASES	264	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (WMA)&REFUGE	6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
183	Boating
7	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
3	Take Undersized Red Drum
2	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
8	Take Undersized Black Drum
2	Take Over Limit Of Black Drum
1	Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
6	Take Comm. Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Take Commercial Fish With Non-Approved Devices
1	Leave Nets Unattended

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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Use Saltwater Illegally
2	Use crab traps w/o required markings
1	Possess undersized comm. Hard crabs
1	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
2	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Of A Private Lease
1	Failure To Mark Lease While Harvesting
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
2	DWI
3	Littering
3	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9
5	Violate Tuna Regulations (Federal)
6	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
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P.33 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION 12 seatrout, 500 lbs. crabs, 18 sacks oysters, 60 lbs. shrimp, 289 lbs. shrimp sold for \$38.30, 32 catfish, 2 largemouth bass, 33 black drum, 12 red drum, 357 lbs. tuna sold for \$89.25, 135 lbs. Crawfish, 1 driver's license, 1 map, 5 drink cans.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
183	Boating
27	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
38	Recreational Fishing
	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations
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P.34 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
1	Atchafalaya Delta
5	Pt Aux Chenes
	Time spent on Management Areas :
	75Hrs Atchafalaya Delta
	20 Hrs Point Aux Chenes
	4 Hrs Manchae

P.35 S.W.E.P.

TOTAL CASES	20	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0]
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DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Boating
Angling W/O A License
Angling W/O A Saltwater License
Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession
Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Fish
Allow Another to Use Commercial License
Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
Use Of Oversized Trawls In Breton Sound

P.36 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION		
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27,025 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$30,421.85, 12 trawls.		
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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
	Littering
	Miscellaneous
9	Recreational Fishing
	State Hunting/Trapping
	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.37 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

SPECIAL NOTE: TOTAL ENGINE HOURS: 123
TOTAL BOATS CHECKED: 187

P.38 OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES	64	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
26	Boating
6	Failure To Properly Complete Harvester/Dealer Log Book
2	Failure To Properly Refrigerate Oysters
2	Failure To Purchase Non-Resident/Resident Wholesale/Dealers License
2	Take Oysters Without Gear License
3	Take Oysters From An Unmarked Lease
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From A Private Lease
3	Failure To Cover Oysters With Tarp
3	Take Oysters Without Commercial Fisherman's License
2	Take Oysters Without Harvester's License
2	Failure To Have Written Permission To Take Oysters
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
1	Take Oysters Without Vessel License
1	Take Shrimp Without Commercial License
1	Take Shrimp Without Gear License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Shrimp Without Vessel License
2	Take Undersize Black Drum
1	Take Undersize Red Drum
1	Littering
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P.40 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION		
249 lbs. Of shrimp, 5 black dr	rums 2 red drums 317 sacks of oysters.	
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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
26	Boating
34	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
	State Hunting/Trapping
	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.41 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
0	Public Assistance	
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TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
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P.42 SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES	24	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
1	Angling W/O A License
3	Use Gear W/O A Gear License
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Take Commercial fish W/Non-Approved Devices
1	Leave Net Unattended
1	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
3	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Required
1	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
1	Littering
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P.43 CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
3739 lbs. Of shrimp, 9 crab traps, 1-55 foot gillnet, 4-50 foot trawls.	
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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
	State Hunting/Trapping
	WMA Rules and Regulations
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P.44 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
0	Public Assistance	

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
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P.45 SPECIAL SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT

TOTAL CASES	158	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0	1
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DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
Boating
Take/Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
Fail to Maintain Records
Transport W/O Required License
Sell/Purchase Game Fish
Fail To Mark Crab Container
Possess/Sell Undersize Crabs
Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit Rules
Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License
Allow Another To Use Commercial License
Allow Unlicensed Fisherman to Use Vessel License
Allow Unlicensed Fisherman to Use Gear License
Use Trawls Exceeding Size Regulations

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Trawl Inside Waters W/Oversize Double Rigs
3	Conspiracy
1	Forgery
1	Filing False Records
1	Injury To Public Records
87	Violate Mullet Regulations
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational License (Gear)
1	DWI
1	Other

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION		
7,500 lbs. Of crabs returned to water, 23,054 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$21,549.20, 300 lbs. shrimp donated to Covert, 4 red drum and 5 black drum donated to homeless shelter, 2 crab traps, 1 outboard motor and vessel.		

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
142	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
	State Hunting/Trapping
	WMA Rules and Regulations

P.48 TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION	
0	Public Assistance	

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
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TOTAL CASES WMA & REFUGES-142

TOTAL CASES -1923

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT JUNE, 1998

Enforcement Hours - 88.7

Other Divisions - 6.1

Total Plane Use - 94.8

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program

Staff: Coordinator, Zoologist, Plant Ecologist, Botanist, Nongame Biologist, Data Manager

The primary objectives of the LNHP are:

- 1) to gather information systematically and on a continuing basis on the occurrences of rare, threatened and endangered (r/t/e) species and significant ecological features of the state, including outstanding examples of native ecosystems, and critical areas benefitting the environment;
- to assemble and store this information efficiently in our data management system;
- to make data retrieval utilitarian and costeffective so that the potential impact of various activities on identified lands can be evaluated; and
- to set rational conservation plans to conserve the state's biological diversity.

The database consists of some 5,600 computerized occurrence records of R/T/E species, significant natural areas, and waterbird nesting colonies. Map files, manual files, and computer files keep information well-organized and easily accessible. Records are indexed by name, location, status, watershed, and land ownership, creating a flexible user-request system. The LNHP provides practical, up-to-date information to public and private policy makers. Applications of the database have been used in virtually every aspect of biological conservation.

The database also includes information on 251 managed areas within the state as well as over 2,500 source abstracts. In previous years the LNHP developed the first statewide natural community classification system with seven natural community systems containing more than 75 distinct communities. The LNHP has located high quality examples of more than 85 percent of the communities with a state rank of \$1-\$3 (endangered-rare). Over 2,000 sites statewide have been surveyed for r/t/e species and unique natural communities by the Heritage staff.

Besides nongame inventory work and research, the LMMP staff has reviewed for their effects on nongame wildlife thousands of proposed federal, state, parish, municipal, and privately funded projects. In doing so, we have protected numerous sites housing r/t/e species and unique habitats statewide, and, at the same time, saved industry money through early planning of proposed activities. In addition to reviewing projects that

regire permits, the LNHP is responsible for issuing permits for scientific collecting, nuisance animal control, and wildlife rehabilitation.

Registry Program, the purpose of which is to purchase by the Department of Wildlife and areas. The LNHP was also responsible for the statewide have been registered as important natural sites incorporating more than 65,000 acres plan developed by the LNHP staff. To date, some 75 agrees to manage the area according to a management areas throughout the state. The owner voluntarily protect through a voluntary agreement significant session created the Louisiana Natural Land protection efforts of the LNHP have also been very productive. Act 324 of the 1987 legislative purchased a pine savannah near Covington, which home to numerous rare plants and animals, including Fisheries of nearly 600 acres of the Tunica Hills, houses some 20 species of state-rare plants. the Louisiana black bear. Additionally, we have Areas

Other major accomplishments of the Natural Heritage Program include:

- 1) Publications: The Natural Communities of Coastal Louisiana--Classification and Description, Plants and Animals of Special Concern in the Louisiana Coastal Zone; Atlas and Census of Wading Bird and Seabird Nesting Colonies in Louisiana; Natural Communities of Kisatchie National Forest; Louisiana's Hummingbirds; Natural Community and Sensitive Species Assissment on Fort Polk military Reservation, Louisiana; Gardening for Butterflies; Louisiana Butterflies (poster); Rare Plants of Pine-Hardwood Forests in Louisiana; Atlas of the Vascular Flora of Louisiana (3 vols); Bats of the Southeastern U.S. (poster, in press); Threatened and Endangered Species of Louisiana; numerous articles in the Louisiana Conservationist.
- 2) Developed a Cooperative Agreement with the US Fish & Wildlife Service which supplies 75% of the funding for Louisiana endangered species research.
- Protected the largest tern and gull nesting colony in the US, located on one of our barrier islands.
- Completed a Nongame Plan for Louisiana, and coordinated some 37 breeding bird surveys annually for 10 years.
- 5) Represented the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on numerous state legislative task forces, including state GIS, Capitol Lake, Freshwater Mussel, and Reptile and Amphibian Task Forces. Also served as department representatives on Office of Forestry's Stewardship Forest Program, DEQ's Leap to 2000 Comparative Risk Program, the

Black Bear Conservation Committee, and Red Cockeded Woedpecker Conservation Committee, and others.

- 6) Completed a bog management plan for Kisatchie National Forest, currently being implemented by the national forest, and a 3-year survey of the natural communities of Kisatchie National Forest.
- 7) Completed an intensive 20-month survey of r/t/e species and unique natural communities on Fort Polk Military Installation.
- 8) Developed a mitigation banking program with the Nature Conservancy and numerous state and federal resource agencies to mitigate the loss of pine savannah, an endangered natural community in southeast Louisiana.
- Aided the La. Nature Conservancy in developing a conservation easement with International Paper for Copenhagen Prairie in Caldwell Parish.
- Conducted status surveys for plants and animals for US Fish & Wildlife Service to determine the federal status as threatened or endangered.

Current projects:
Atlas of the Flora of Louisiana
Breeding Bird Atlas of Louisiana
Save the Louisiana Black Bear license plate
Inventory/research on many threatened/endangered
wildlife species and rare habitats

State FUNDING for the program is through the sale of WILD LOUISIANA STAMPS and the SAVE THE LOUISIANA BLACK BEAR license plate.

November, 1996

Wisit our Web Site at www.heritage.tnc.org/nhp/us/la

For more information about the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program or how to order a publication or poster, write to Natural Heritage Program, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA. 70898-9000 or call

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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JULY-98	RULE - 1998-99 Hunting Regulations
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RESOLUTION LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES JULY 9, 1998

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 9, 1998.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Thomas M. Gattle Jr., Chairman Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS 1998-99 Hunting Seasons FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

OR

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days

September 5 (Sat.)-13 (Sun)

October 17 (Sat.)-November 16 (Mon.) December 12 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24

Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 5 (Sat.)-September 13 (Sun.) October 17 (Sat.)-November 6 (Fri.) December 12 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL: September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.)

16 days

16 days

54 days

9 days

21 days

30 days

Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) November 7 (Sat.)-December 30 (Wed.)

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30. SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

GALLINULES: Split Season

September 12 (Sat.)-September 27 (Sun.) 16 days November 7 (Sat.)-December 30 (Wed.) 54 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

SNIPE: November 7 (Sat.)-February 21 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16 107 days

45 days WOODCOCK: December 18 (Fri)-January 31 (Sun.)

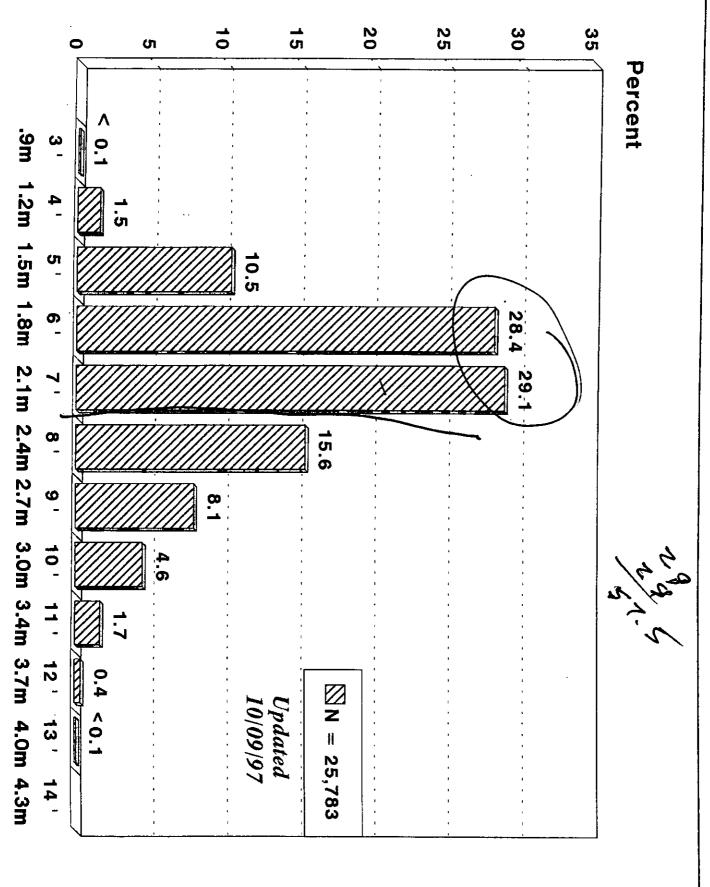
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SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on Sept. 5-6, Oct. 17-18, and Dec. 12-13 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

WILD LOUISIANA ALLIGATORS HARVESTED, 1996



	Commercial	*Tags	No.	Success	Avq.	Value c	Value of Skins		Ha.	Amount Meat	Value of Meat
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1975	191	4,645	4,420	95.2	229	1,012,180	\$7.88	\$258,791		*	* *
1976	198	4,767	4,389	92.1	216	948,024	\$16.55	\$512,240		*	*
1977	236	5,760	5,474	95.0	224	1,226,176	\$12.23	\$488,499		* *	*
1979	708	17,516	16,300	93.0	211	3,439,300	\$15.00	\$1,711,500	1,	45,400*	\$125,000
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1982	1,184	18,188	17,142	94.2	208	3,565,536	\$13.50	\$1,621,633	1,617,408	45,400*	\$125,000
1983	945	17,130	16,154	94.3	211	3,408,494	\$13.00	\$1,452,568	1,416,974	45,400 ^x	\$125,000
1984	1,104	18,386	17,389	94.6	213	3,703,857	\$21.00	\$2,556,183	1,428,192	45,400 ^x	\$125,000
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1986	1,207	23,267	22,429	96.0	211	4,732,519		\$3,611,000	1,539,000	140,740**	\$1,395,000
1987	1,370	24,635	23,892	97.0	216	5,160,672		\$6,689,760	1,579,500	227,000**	\$2,250,000
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1994	1,774	27,694	27,120	97.9	224	6,074,880	\$37.00	\$7,358,527	1,775,000	350,000**	\$3,243,000
1995	1,877	28,931	28,442	98.3	224	6,368,992	\$41.00	\$8,548,816	1,775,000	367,000**	\$3,400,000
1996	1,948	26,578	25,783±	97.0±	226±	5,826,958±	\$25.00	\$4,776,200	1,775,000	333,200**	\$3,966,800
1997	1,980	29,865±	28,375±	95.0±	225±	6,384,375±	\$18.00	\$3,767,828±	1,775,000	366,700**	\$4,365,000
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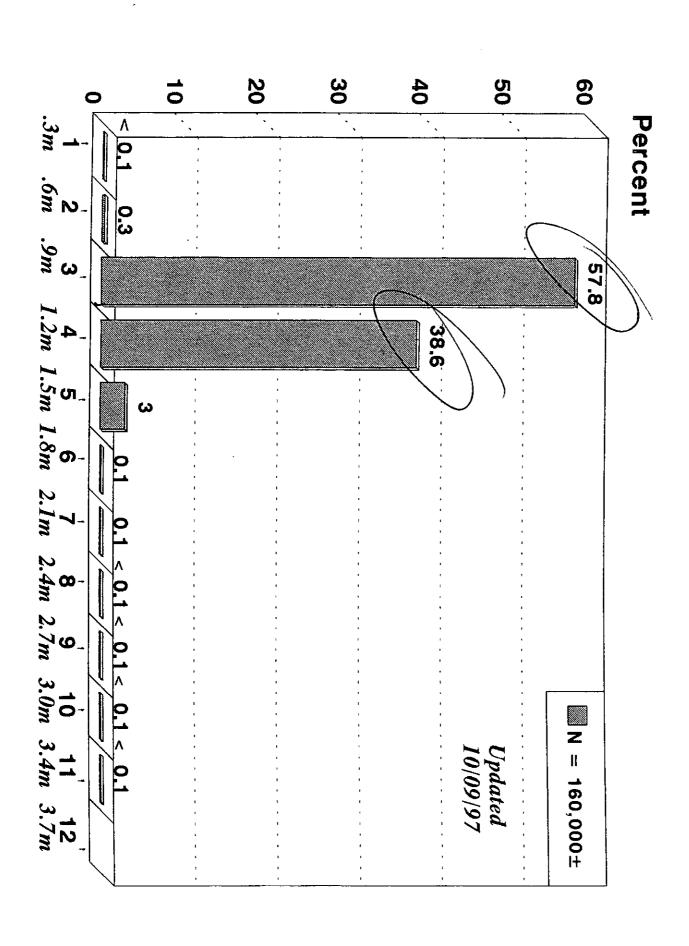
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*Average per skin value; \$207.90 (Range = \$56.25-\$406.87)

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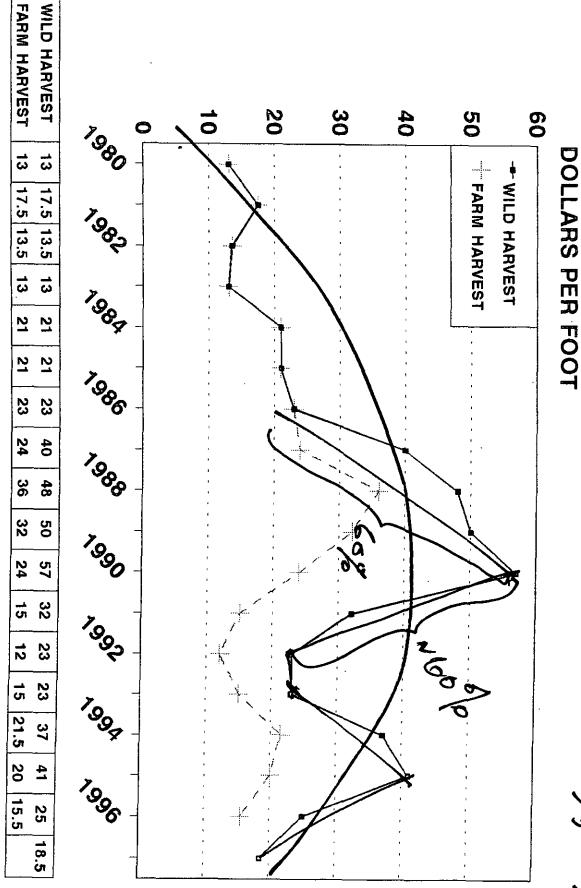
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Average Price Paid For Alligator Skins n Louisiana, 1980 - 1997







Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr. Secretary



CONTACT 504/765-2923

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JULY COMMISSION MEETING SET

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its next regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 1998 in the Louisiana room of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Approval of minutes of June 4, 1998.
- 3. Public comments—1998-99 resident game season.
- 4. Rule ratification—1998-99 resident game season.
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- 11. Division reports

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- a. Natural Heritage Program.
- 12. Set November 1998 meeting date.
- 13. Public comments.
- 14. Jenkins et al. Vs. Odom et al., 19th JDC (executive session).
- 15. Adjournment.







To:

Tom Gattle, 318-559-1524 Bill Busbice, 318-837-1423 Jerald Hanchey, 318-233-3534 Glynn Carver, 318-256-0323 Norman McCall, 318-775-7025 Tom Kelly, 318-276-7867 Danny Babin, 504-563-4202

Subject: Commission Agenda

Date: June 30, 1998

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Original memorandum and back-up material will follow in the mail.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries P. O. Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

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State of Louisiana

James H. Jenkins, Jr. Secretary Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Post Office Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 (504)765-2800 June 29, 1998 M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr. Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman and Members of Commiss

FROM:

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretar

SUBJECT:

July Commission Meeting Agenda

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

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June 29, 1998

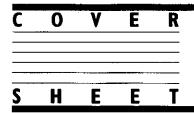
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APPROVED:

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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FAX

To:

Tom Gattle

Fax #:

318-559-1524

Subject:

July Agenda

Date:

June 23, 1998

Pages:

3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the proposed agenda for the July 9, 1998 Commission Meeting and then give me a call. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries P. O. Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

> 504-765-2806 Fax: 504-765-0948

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

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June 3, 1998

MEMORANDUM

Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-TO:

Office of Wildlife, Assistant Secretary-Office of

Fisheries and Confidential Assistant

FROM:

James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Secretary

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Commission Meeting Agenda - July 9, 1998 SUBJECT:

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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr. Governor

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Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife, Assistant Secretary-Office of

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Non-Resident Recreational Fishing License Agreement Between Texas and Louisiana on Common Border Water.

Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr.

Hawkins, Susan

From: Kees, Wynnette

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 1998 4:29 PM

To: Hawkins, Susan subject: commission agenda

For the July meeting, please put on the agenda: "Adoption of Strategic Plan"; Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Gattle are aware of what's going on.

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